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It was widely expected before yesterday that inflation would reach a peak in the first half of 1975. Rapid wage inflation in the second half of 1974 had *not been fully reflected in* output prices up to then; it seems that now it has. The easing of the Price Code in the November Budget may have been a factor, although companies say that weak demand is reducing margins.

A very large increase in food prices accounted for much of the index rise. Seasonal food prices rose by 5.5 per cent, after several months in which the mild winter caused surprisingly small increases. Other food prices rose by 3.6 per cent.

In his Budget speech Mr Healey was optimistic about inflation slowing down in the second half of this year. The rate of increase in earnings has begun to slow down, largely because of weak demand and less overtime pay.

A fall in *consumption*, after the fall in real income implied by higher taxation, should weaken demand further, making Mr Healey's target more attainable.

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Mrs Castle defends 30pc rise for doctors

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Doctors were given a pay increase averaging 30 per cent yesterday. The sudden publication of their independent review body report, accepted by the Government, apparently resulted from the expected decision of the British Medical Association's senior hospital doctors' committee to end their work-to-contract.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said last night that she was delighted at the consultants' decision. She added: "It means that we are now about to enter a new period of harmony in the NHS, with a year of difficulties behind us *and with a new injection of* high morale in those who work in the service." The fear that she was seeking the right to abolish private practice was *never justified*, she said.

The review body's award did not, she said, break the social contract, because doctors were not engaged in collective bargaining and their independent review body had found that they had fallen behind other professions. The review body's report accepted that the profession had fallen so substantially behind that a measure of structural adjustment was necessary.

The British Medical Association said the report was "fair and reasonable". The rises, which include threshold payments, will date from April 1, and will cost about £134m.

Examples of the new scales are:

	New Scale	Present Scale	Increase
Hospital staff doctor	£ 2,880-3,804	£ 2,202-3,036	% 25.8
Senior House officer	3,567-4,182	2,853-3,162	29.8
Registrar	4,452-5,109	3,198-3,879	30.8
Senior registrar	4,818-6,279	3,711-4,743	32.1
Consultant	7,536-10,686	5,433-7,947	51.5 (at max)
GPs	5,685	6,147	58
General dental practitioners	7,643	5,650	58.3
Community physicians			
Area medical officer in largest area	11,643-12,441	8,901-9,705	28.3
Regional medical officer: smaller region	12,417-15,030	9,615-10,273	28.7
RMO (larger region)	13,755-15,358	9,903-10,590	38.9 37.1

In addition, consultants and community physicians are eligible for distinction awards.

The review body says it intends to consider the remuneration under the junior hospital doctors' new contract, which comes into effect on October 1 as an extension of the present review. In the meantime, information on the juniors' working hours is to be collected.

In accepting the report, the Government had only one qualification. Salary increases at the highest level would be phased. For the new rate of more than £13,000, the whole of the amount up to that figure and half the increase above it would be paid from April, 1975, and the rest from April next year.

For salaries at a present rate of more than £13,000, half the recommended increase would be paid from this month and half from April 1, 1976. The arrangements would apply to aggregate basic salaries and distinction awards.

Deal defended: Mrs Castle defended the new deal for doctors and dentists later, saying it was "merely a question of bringing doctors into line—as we must if we are to be able to recruit" (the Press Association reports). In the context of the social contract, the rise could be explained "perfectly simply", she told the press.

These are groups who do not enjoy a freedom of action of direct collective bargaining. They have, by *agreement, entrusted their settlement* to an independent body whose job it is "to see that they do not fall excessively behind people in parallel jobs in the private sector.

The Government could not say to a group of people who have had to wait 12 months for a rise that because pay increases were so high in the private sector "we are going to put the chopper on you".

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Freed Ulster detainee intends to resume fight

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The Government faces renewed controversy over its *policy of phasing out detention* after the release yesterday of the last two men held continuously without trial since internment was introduced in August, 1971. One of them, Mr Philip McCullough, immediately said he intended to resume the struggle to get the British out of Ireland.

Looking fit, despite his 44 months' detention in the Maze prison at Long Kesh, he said: "My plan on coming out is to work for the overthrow of British imperialism in Ireland in any way that I possibly can. That was my intention before I went in, and it remains my intention now."

Asked whether he would join the Provisional IRA, he pointed to the perimeter fence surrounding the *camp* and said: "It would be stupid on walking straight out of Long Kesh to state exactly what it means. I have nothing to repent. As far as I am concerned, it is not illegal for Irishmen to try and destroy a foreign country and a power of occupation."

At the time of his arrest on August 9, 1971, Mr McCullough, then aged 26, was regarded by the Army as one of the leading members of the *Provisional republican* movement in Belfast.

His remarks come less than a week after Sir Frank King, the GOC, began a political dispute by attacking the Government's policy of releasing detainees. They will add to "Loyalist" anger at the continued release of suspected members of the Provisional IRA.

A total of 15 Republican detainees were freed yesterday, the largest number on a single day since Easter Saturday, when 20 were let out. The *move is seen as a gesture* by Mr Rees that he intends to pursue his policy despite hostility from many senior Army officers.

The other original internee freed yesterday was Mr Kevin Hannaway, believed at the time of his arrest to have been *commander of the Provisional* IRA's second Belfast battalion. He was subjected to the *sensory deprivation and in depth* interrogation procedures subsequently dropped by the security *forces*.

The Compton report stated that on one day in 1971 he was *kept* standing with his hands against a wall for a continuous period of 20 hours. Yesterday he looked more affected by his detention than Mr McCullough, and was unable to say more than a few words before being driven away.

A self-declared *revolutionary* socialist, Mr McCullough studied for an A level in sociology during his internment, and is due to take an examination later in the year. He *said the often repeated claim* that republicans inside Long Kesh learned terror techniques from their colleagues was Army propaganda. "It is natural in warfare that they use *that kind of propaganda*", he said, "but it is just propaganda."

He said the 246 republican detainees still in the camp were satisfied with the Provisional IRA's ceasefire, now approaching its tenth consecutive week. "They have put their trust in the republican leadership and are convinced that it is doing the right thing. The consensus inside Long Kesh is that internment is on its last legs." He left to join his wife in the small flat where she has been squatting since his arrest.

Earlier, Stormont Castle issued statistics covering the *past five years, showing* that by the end of the first quarter of 1975 armed raiders had got away *with more* than £2.3m. Terrorists bombed more than 4,000 targets, using a total of 150,000lb of explosives. The security forces have recorded *more than 21,000 shooting* incidents and recovered around 5,300 weapons.

Paul Revere rides again —and British are welcome

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 18

It is a matter of some dispute where and when the American Revolution began and therefore the Glorious Bicentennial has been sputtering away for some time.

Virginia had its moment (remembering Patrick Henry who may, or may not, have said: "Give me liberty or give *me death*"), Boston had its tea party and its massacre, and Philadelphia had its continental congress.

But the shot heard around the world was fired 200 years ago tomorrow, after Paul Revere had galloped off into the night *shouting*: "The British *are coming*", and the Redcoats had marched on Concord and Lexington.

Every American child knows how it began: "Listen my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere on the eighteenth of April in seventy-five", and has a confused memory that the signal lamps were "two if by water and one if by land"—*and if it was the other way* round, and if the whole story is legend anyway, nobody cares very much.

The bicentenary is being treated in much the way that the British treated the ninth centenary of the battle of Hastings. The Men of Kent invited General de Gaulle to the celebration but he declined. He felt that the British had marked the 150th anniversary of Waterloo with too much enjoyment the year before.

The Americans have invited the Queen next year, and are delighted at the—*unconfirmed*—news that she will come. The most enthusiastic of celebrants in New England today, indeed, are those who dress in red uniforms (with the advice and *consent* of the successors of His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot) and will do their stuff at Lexington Green.

President Ford will be there to see them and make the usual unmemorable remarks about the spirit of '76. His predecessor in 1875, President Grant, fell through a hole in the platform on the first centenary, but he was heavier than Mr Ford.

Last night Mr Ford went to a show at Ford's theatre, only the second American President in history to do so. The Secret Service took special precautions, but Mr Ford did not use the presidential box. It was not part of the bicentennial celebrations, although the theatre's restoration is part of the general attempt to save what can be saved of the country's historic buildings.

Ford's theatre stood empty from President Lincoln's assassination there in 1865 until the 1960s, and was used as a Government warehouse.

The bicentenary will, of course, reach its climax on July 4, next year, but revolutionary anniversaries will continue for seven years thereafter.

The Americans will make the British welcome throughout, particularly at moments when their predecessors were most noticeable. Survivors of the Ninth Regiment of Foot will be very welcome at Saratoga and a special, last bonanza doubtless will be organized at Yorktown.

A Soay sheep with its twins, a male and a female, four hours after they were born at Penshurst Place, Kent, yesterday.

Stagehand claim stops Royal Ballet season

By a Staff Reporter

The Royal Ballet season at the London Coliseum from June 3 to June 28 has been cancelled because of an unofficial pay demand by the 50 stage crew.

The men are demanding *more than twice their normal* payment for moving equipment into and out of the theatre. Their union, the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees, disapproves of the claim.

Mr John Tooley, general administrator of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, who is responsible for the Royal Ballet, said yesterday he deplored having to cancel but "*the gap between us is so wide* that we could not begin to contemplate the sort of settlement they were looking for.

"The truth is that the men just did not believe the management would cancel. Regrettably, we have had to do so because *a stand has to be made.*"

He said he was looking for another suitable theatre in *London*. It was too early to say whether the ballet would still be staged. Many postal bookings had been made, mostly by schoolchildren for matinees, and the money would have to be returned.

The stage crew's basic weekly wage varies from £45 to £52 for three 15½-hour days. With overtime, the crew often get twice their basic pay.

The loading and unloading of lorries is considered a bonus, and although only a few of the crew may be involved, the money is spread between the entire 50 members. In the case of the Royal Ballet, it had been decided that 16 men would be needed for 15 hours to load 24 lorries. They had been offered up to £10 a man a lorry loaded, but had demanded between £20 and £30. That was confirmed yesterday by their union.

Normally the "get-out" price of about £8 is decided after the company arrive, but the management had decided to find out beforehand what price was going to be asked, Mr Tooley said.

One of the reasons suggested by Mr Tooley yesterday for the demand was that the stage crew *negotiated a price of about £20* a load *such with the Canadian* Opera Company, which recently left the Coliseum. It is also believed that the crew are to *demand the same amount* from the Festival Ballet, which is now at the theatre. They have to fly abroad as soon as they finish their programme in a month.

The English National Opera, which was formerly the Sadler's Wells Opera Company, and which is housed at the London Coliseum, has been badly affected by disputes during the past year.

It was closed for five weeks at the end of last year, and an Arts Council committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Roy Wilson, QC, is inquiring into the present state of industrial relations at the Coliseum.

Union view: Mr Brendon Gannon, the men's leader, said last night: "I was still prepared to negotiate, but I will not accept ultimatums" (the Press Association reports). "The feeling among the men is that if the management cancel the season because they refuse to negotiate then let it be on their heads."

The men would meet to discuss the cancellation, probably *on Monday, but he did not think* they would take industrial action to bring pressure on the management.

Senate grants aid for Saigon evacuation

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 18

The Senate foreign relations committee has voted President Ford $200m (£83m) in humanitarian aid for South Vietnam, to pay for the evacuation of Americans caught in the collapse of the Saigon Government and for such Vietnamese as may be rescued.

The President had asked for $250m for the purpose and a House of Representatives committee voted yesterday to allocate $327m. All these figures may be changed on the floors of the two houses, and the final *balance will be struck in a* conference between the leaders of House and Senate.

Congressional committees have been giving President Ford's various proposals for helping South Vietnam unusually high priority, but it is *unlikely that Congress* will meet the deadline that the President set them—tomorrow, April 19.

The Senate armed forces committee, *which over many years* gave a series of presidents unstinting support on Vietnam, defeated all proposals for additional military aid for Saigon yesterday.

One of the senators who opposed the Administration's request was Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, who has been attacking Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and all his works for months past. He is running for the *Democratic presidential nomination*, and it is believed that his ambitions and public statements *are closely related.*

The vote by the armed forces committee probably rules out *all hope that Congress* will approve any substantial sum in military aid for South Vietnam. Congress voted $1,000m in aid for this year, of which $700m have been appropriated.

Some of that $700m worth of military supplies have yet to be *delivered. There remain $300m*, an amount which has been

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Mauritius turns down plea by Mr Stonehouse

Port Louis, Mauritius, April 18.—*The Mauritius Government* today turned down a request by Mr John Stonehouse, MP, for a passport.

Mr Stonehouse is in Australia, awaiting the *outcome of* a British application for his extradition to face 15 charges of fraud.

The request for a Mauritian passport was submitted on the MP's behalf by his daughter, Jane, who had come to the Indian Ocean island with a lawyer friend to see Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the Prime Minister. — Agence France-Presse.

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Mr Marsh declined to estimate what the increase later in the year might be but said those so far would not cover cost rises. The railways were still suffering from three years' Government-imposed price restrictions from 1972, when it began on an impossibly low base at recent levels of inflation.

Costs had risen £250m last year, mainly through wages, which make up 65 to 70 per cent of total railway costs, but revenue rose by only £100m. January's fare increase should raise about £40m a year, and May's about £52m. Freight charges are also being raised selectively.

Mr Marsh said he had had no specific instructions from the Government over the current wage negotiations but the Government's policy was well known and the Chancellor's actions much as expected. He accepted that the Government did not have a bottomless bucket of money, and that there was a point at which the public could no longer pay.

Social contract pressure: Pressure for a revision of the social contract in the wake of the Budget built up yesterday when two railwaymen's leaders said they believed the relationship between the Government and the trade unions would have to be reappraised (our Labour Staff writes).

Mr Ray Buckton, general

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Laws against sex discrimination at work should be *in force throughout the EEC* by June, 1976, Dr Patrick Hillery, vice-president of the European Commission (above), said in London yesterday, during a tour of the Nine

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Strike halts Cowley

All Austin Morris output at Cowley was halted yesterday and 11,000 made idle by the walk-out of 2,700 "indirect" workers on TGWU orders after British Leyland had sent home 150 of its members

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Violence of revenge

Italian left-wing extremists went on a *rampage of violence* yesterday to avenge the killing of a comrade in Milan by a fascist. In 10 cities and a Sicilian town, *rioters ransacked local branches* of the right-wing Movimento Sociale

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Moorgate Tube crash inquest fails to establish whether train driver had drunk alcohol

By Jim Jones

The inquest on the 42 victims of the Moorgate Tube disaster ended yesterday when the jury returned verdicts of accidental death.

The four-day inquiry failed to solve the mystery of why the 8.37 train from Drayton Park crashed into a dead end tunnel at the end of platform nine at Moorgate station on February 28. It also failed to establish whether Mr Leslie Newson, the driver, had consumed alcohol before starting his duties.

Dr Roy Goulding, a leading forensic expert called on behalf of Mrs Newson to challenge earlier expert evidence, said he could not say for certain whether Mr Newson had consumed alcohol before the crash.

Dr Goulding, director of the poison unit at Guy's Hospital, London, said his tests of samples taken from Mr Newson had shown a maximum of between 15 and 20 mg of alcohol per 100 ml. He agreed that that amount would involve only a minimum impairment of the driver's skill. "I think it might have no effect on his capacity, or very slight by itself", he said.

Dr Goulding had been asked to conduct the tests after Mrs Newson's counsel had said that the results of analysis by Dr Ann Robinson "differed fundamentally" from what was known of the dead driver's drinking habits.

Dr Robinson, a senior lecturer in forensic medicine at London Hospital Medical College, had said that Mr Newson's body had contained a maximum blood alcohol count of 80 mg per 100 ml, the level at which a person can be prosecuted under the Road Traffic Act. While agreeing that some of the alcohol could have been formed in the body after death, Dr Robinson said it was her "inevitable conclusion" that Mr Newson had swallowed some alcohol before driving the train.

Dr David Paul, the City of London coroner, questioning Dr Goulding, said: "It is a very simple point. Did Mr Newson swallow alcohol that morning or not? On the evidence you have seen, are you able to say Driver Newson had consumed alcohol prior to the accident?"

Dr Goulding replied: "I think there are so many anomolies, I would be unable to conclusively say whether he had or not." He added: "If I had been told he had not been drinking I would not be moved to doubt it. I do not think I could say categorically one way or the other."

He made it clear that he did not disagree with Dr Robinson's analysis of the samples but added: "We may diverge on the interpretation of them." Nor could he reject completely the possibility that Mr Newson had taken alcohol.

Dr Paul said that at no time had Dr Robinson said in her evidence that 80 mg was "life level" in Mr Newson. He added: "It is possible that these matters will be discussed at scientific meetings and in forensic circles the world over for the next 30 years."

Dr Paul said that Mr Robert Harris, aged 19, the train guard, had left his position to look for a newspaper as the train entered Moorgate. "He knew it was his duty as a guard to apply the brakes if the train approached a station at excessive speed.

"You must decide whether the breaking of this rule because of this young man's feckless and irresponsible behaviour contributed in any substantial way to this crash." That was a domestic matter and might be dealt with later by London Transport.

The inquest had earlier been told that no guard had operated an emergency brake to stop a Tube train for the past 20 years.

Before asking the jury to retire, Dr Paul told them: "If on the evidence you form the view that the level of alcohol, no matter what it is, was the result of swallowing drink and the level contributed or caused driver Newson to overrun in this tragic manner, you are entitled to look at his conduct in drinking to say if it measures up to the degree of negligence I earlier defined as wicked, reckless behaviour, deliberately putting at risk the safety of others. This would entitle you to consider returning a verdict of manslaughter."

He added: "Every single person in this room must be aware that on a level of 80 mg per 100 ml nobody is severely intoxicated."

The jury retired for just over an hour. They added no comments or riders to their verdicts.

Dr Paul then expressed his sympathy to the relatives of those who died. He went on: "I know that Mrs Newson, who has also suffered loss, wishes to express as best she may, and to all similarly bereaved persons, her own deep sympathy."

Last night Mrs Newson, aged 52, said she was very pleased that her husband's name had been cleared. "I had no doubt it would be", she added.

Mrs Newson remains convinced that her husband did not touch any drink before he took the train out. She said at her flat in Barlborough Street, New Cross, south London, that he drank only brown ale. He had spent the evening before the crash at home, "but he did not even have a glass of brown ale" she said.

She said of Dr Robinson, who told the inquest of finding alcohol in a kidney sample from Mr Newson: "She was doing her job to the best of her ability. She had no reason to be prejudiced, and I have no reason to be prejudiced."

Dr Roy Goulding.

Advisers barred from Civil Service

By Peter Hennessy

Sir Douglas Allen, the head of the home Civil Service, has ruled out the possibility of granting the Government's 31 special policy advisers permanent Civil Service status.

In a letter to Mr John Dryden, secretary of the National Whitley Council Staff Side, he has said that to alter the advisers' status as temporary civil servants would require legislation to make them a permanent part of the Whitehall machine. He emphasizes that their posts would disappear at the next change of government, and that it is impossible to predict whether future governments will feel the need for similar advisers recruited from outside the Civil Service.

It is understood that the 31 advisers, 12 of whom are employed part-time, have been prevented from taking part in the EEC referendum campaign by the application of normal regulations restricting the political activities of civil servants.

Sir Douglas's letter was written in reply to complaints from the Civil Service unions that their members' functions were being usurped by Labour's special advisers, appointed in the spring of 1974 on the party's return to power. Observers see his remarks as a broad hint to the unions to play down the issue, in the hope that the advisers will prove to be a temporary Whitehall phenomenon rather than a permanent addition to the government machine. The unions are understood to be satisfied with his reply.

The reaction of regular civil servants to the temporary advisers has not been universally hostile. The older, more experienced advisers are recognized as men and women of proven ability with much to contribute. The general feeling in Whitehall is that as long as they stick to their brief as the political eyes and ears of ministers and do not seek to take over the private offices, there need be no serious friction with career civil servants.

Fears that the advisers were setting up a "counter Whitehall" in an attempt to move the Government towards more socialist policies, particularly in economics, are thought by many senior civil servants to have been exaggerated.

Four photographs showing details of treasures coming to London. From left, the head of an amazon with a helmet, a statue a centaur forming the handle of a vessel, Aphrodite, and another amazon.

Thracian art treasures for London

By Diana Geddes

Sixty pounds of gold and a hundred pounds of silver, studded with rare jewels and fashioned by the craftsmen of ancient Thrace into dazzling art treasures for use in the afterlife by their tribal priest kings, are to go on display at the British Museum in London for three months from next January.

About a thousand objects from 28 Bulgarian museums will be on show, dating from the early fourth millenium BC (shortly before the tomb of Tutankhamun was built), until Roman rule in Thracia in 49 BC. Some will be exhibited for the first time.

The main body of the Thracian art exhibition was assembled and displayed in Sofia in 1972. Last year it was brought to Paris, where it was seen by more than 100,000 people before being taken on to Moscow, Leningrad and now Vienna. It will probably go on to Rome before coming to London at the end of the year.

Professor Alexander Fol, vice-chairman of the Bulgarian Committee for Art and Culture, which is organizing the exhibition with the British Museum and the British Council, said in London yesterday that Bulgaria was so rich in archaeological remains that they were now holding back on excavations.

They knew of the existence of about 10,000 Thracian tombs in Bulgaria, but they were very expensive to excavate, restore and preserve.

Most of the objects in the exhibition had been discovered in the past 13 years, he said. Some of the most important were those of the Varna necropolis, which were found only two years ago when a mechanical shovel driver came across more than two pounds of gold facts dating from about BC.

Much is still unknown o Thracians and their civiliz They inhabited a large ar the Balkan peninsula, par which are included in present-day Bulgaria, Y slavia, Greece and Turkey.

Herodotus wrote about religious cults, which incl the worship of the sun, a god, and a mysterious h man who appears in many the tomb images. The Thra believed they would go to horseman deity after deat continue their life in bliss exuberance.

Heseltine call for industries to stand together against nationalization

Industries should stand together to fight nationalization, Mr Michael Heseltine, Conservative spokesman on industry, said yesterday in a strong condemnation of government plans for compensation in the state takeover operation.

"The marauding hunger of the left will not be satisfied with one more meal", he told the Northern Industrialists' Protection Society in Newcastle upon Tyne. "Each industry's turn will come and it would be as well to fight the battle now for someone else's industry, for you can be sure that the industries which have been nationalized will be in no position to help other industries when their turn comes."

Between 1965 and July, 1974, the state provided £156m in loans and grants to the shipbuilding industry. Time and again this figure is paraded to justify the nationalization of the industry, but a breakdown of the figure puts a very different complexion on the position.

The total included about £36m in construction grants given to all shipbuilders on a decreasing scale for three years, 1972-74. Of the remaining £120m, £99m went to three companies, Harland and Woolf, Upper Clyde and Cammell Laird, publicly-owned or controlled and only £21m to the companies now to be taken over.

Of this, £12m was in loans which are being repaid at commercial rates of interest. We are left with only about £9m by way of grants to the successful companies now to be nationalized, companies which in 1974 produced 75 per cent of the industry's output.

He said that the government has chosen, however, a highly questionable six-month period leading up to the 1974 February election and taken the average price of the stock market quotation over that period to value the companies.

The fact that at that time the industry was already threatened with nationalization and that the Labour Party was way ahead in all opinion polls had a depressing effect on the industries' quotations. The world economies were suffering from one of the most traumatic shocks ever administered in a short time, the OPEC price increases, which were of unpredictable consequence.

He asked what arguments British companies abroad would use when their assets were expropriated on a model of compensation which acquiring governments could compare with the activities of Britain's own government when it took over the shipbuilding and aerospace companies.

He said that the full case for attacking the proposals was argued by the figures themselves.

Swan Hunter with £28m to £30m net assets involved in shipbuilding earning what might well be £12m pre-tax profits, currently can expect compensation of only £15m. Vosper Thorneycroft, employing £13m and earning £3m pre-tax profits, might be offered £4.5m and Yarrow, with £7.1m employed and earning £7.6m in the last published accounts, can look to a ludicrous £5m compensation.

There is no rational relationship or logical coherence in this pattern save that of bargain basement appropriation.

In brief

New operation chief for Navy

Vice-Admiral John Treac Vice-Chief of the Naval St has been made Commander Chief Fleet, the Royal Nav top operational appointme He succeeds Admiral Terence Lewin, who is to come Chief of Naval Staff.

Admiral Treacher, aged automatically becomes Co mander-in-Chief Channel, a Commander-in-Chief Easte Atlantic, two Nato appointme

Moorgate guard fined

Only a few days after he h given evidence at the City London coroner's court into t Moorgate Tube disaster, Robe Peter Harris, aged 18, the gua of the train that crashed, Rochester Way, Eltham, w found guilty at Tottenha Magistrates' Court yesterda with four other youths of ste ing vegetables from a stall i High Road, Tottenham, o March 8. The five were ea fined £5.

$50,000 Getty prize

Mr Paul Getty is to give prize of $50,000 (abo £21,000) for the second succe sive year for the greatest in vidual contribution to the co servation of wild life.

Air chief sued

Mr Frederick Laker, age 52, chairman and managi director of Laker Airways, being sued for divorce by h Second Mrs Rosemar Belfrage Laker.

Dartmoor minibuses

The Dartmoor National Par committee yesterday approve a scheme for two public mi buses to operate on Sunda and Bank holidays from Ma 25 to September 7.

Drugs destroyed

Old drugs, medicines, oin ments and pills weighing 60l including cyanide and strycl nine, collected during a hom safety campaign, were destroye at Slough yesterday.

Missile ship to be phased out by Navy

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The guided missile destroyer Hampshire, which has been in service for only 12 years, is one of five ships to be phased out over the next 12 months as part of the economies in the Royal Navy under the Government's defence review. The other ships are the commando carrier Bulwark, the submarine Rorqual, the Blackwood class frigate Keppel and the fleet maintenance vessel Berry Head.

Only the elderly Berry Head, which entered service as long ago as 1945, has completed the 20 years which is normally considered the average lifespan of a warship before it is towed off to the scrapyard. The Bulwark, an aircraft carrier converted into a commando carrier with helicopters, is 15 years old, the Rorqual 17 years and the Keppel 19 years.

These first naval casualties of the defence review were disclosed by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, in a Commons written reply yesterday. He said that detailed plans for the phasing out of ships would depend on a number of factors, including manpower and the condition of the vessel.

The Bulwark is going sooner rather than later. But her end was presaged in the recent defence white paper and the big surprise is the decision to axe the Hampshire, one of the County Class guided missile destroyers of 5,440 tons.

The decision to phase it out must have been taken because of its high manpower requirement, as many as 470 men in a ship. The Hampshire is one of the first of two County Class ships built. She has never had a major refit and is consequently said to be in poorer condition than her sister vessels.

Five companies win first clean water awards

Five British companies yesterday received the first awards for industry for schemes to reduce water pollution. The awards, sponsored by the Angling Foundation, were presented in London by Lord Nugent of Guildford, chairman of the National Water Council.

Gold medals were won by Distillers Company, which also won a silver medal, and Thomas Bolton and Sons, a Midlands firm. Silver medals went to English China Clays and two international oil concerns, Esso and Amoco.

Esso was recognized for its "flying squad" of experts set up to deal with spillages of its products, using equipment developed by the company to remove oil from water.

Distillers won its gold medal for purifying effluent from the making of malt and grain whiskies. The process cleanses the effluent so that it is harmless to water life, and extracts nutrients which can be included in animal feeding stuffs.

Twenty distilleries in Scotland are involved. The scheme has so far cost £6,327,000, and its annual running costs are estimated at £3,348,000.

Distillers' silver medal was won by a subsidiary, John Warney and Company, at Wandsworth, London, for a £1m treatment plant which reduces the volume of discharged effluent.

Boltons, a copper-fabricating concern, of Froghall, Stoke-on-Trent, is rewarded for so reducing the discharge of toxic waste into the River Churnet, which runs through the middle of the factory compound, that the standard is higher than that demanded by the regional water authority. Mr Barry Hysel, Boltons' technical director, said fish were now returning to the Churnet. The cost has been £67,000 so far.

English China Clays won its silver medal for a scheme costing £4,300,000 for reducing the effect on rivers of the immense quantities of spoil from china clay extraction.

Amoco (UK) won its silver medal for its measures at Milford Haven, where it refines fuels from crude oil, using millions of gallons of water each day. It exceeded its requirements in discharging water free of oil-derived pollutants.

Clay Cross appeal over bill likely

Twenty-one former councillors at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, are to take legal advice over the latest £52,000 surcharge imposed on them for overspending while in office. The action is likely to lead them to make a High Court appeal against the surcharge imposed by the district auditor, Mr Herbert Harrison.

The surcharge refers to bonus and standby payments made to council manual workers and old people's wardens. About £30,000 refers to wages paid to new workmen hired by the councillors before they were disqualified from office. The former councillors defended their action, saying they hired men "in the name of humanity".

Mr David Skinner, one of the leading former councillors, said yesterday: "When we meet as a group we shall certainly decide to take legal advice on this latest action.

Eleven of the men, whose council went out of existence under local government reorganization, already face a £7,000 surcharge for failing to implement rent increases

Britain's £70m principal shop window is on schedule, Prime Minister says

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Speaking from the vast complex of buildings that forms the National Exhibition Centre in Warwickshire, the Prime Minister said yesterday: "We hear a lot about delays in production and about late delivery of British goods. We never hear the good news.

"But let the word go out from here that the execution of this enormous project, which will be the principal shop window for British goods, is on target and on time. It is a good omen."

The project when completed, together with the first new railway station to be built in Britain this century, is expected to cost nearly £70m. Mr Wilson, who was there to assess progress, continued: "Nobody who has visited this site could fail to be impressed by the enormous scale of the project. Seven exhibition halls providing one million square feet of covered space; two hotels providing 700 rooms; parking space for 15,000 cars, offices, shops and other facilities."

In 1969 Birmingham's decision to end "a generation of dithering" over an exhibition centre by proposing the site at Bickenhill on the outskirts of the city was regarded as only just this side of presumption. Government support was met at first with astonishment, and then indignation by those outraged that such a national centre could be built anywhere but in London, he said.

Britain had a formidable task before it to pay its way in the world. "That is why the nation will need so crucially the shop window which will be provided by this exhibition centre. It is the nation's good fortune that its construction is on target for opening next year," Mr Wilson said.

Then for the first time we shall have a modern exhibition site matching or surpassing those established in Europe during the past decade. It will enable the many established international trade fairs held in the United Kingdom to expand and provide an attractive alternative venue for international events currently held in Europe.

"It will be a thriving market place which will make a massive contribution at a crucial time to the prosperity of the region and the country."

Move to end electricians' strike fails

Peace talks between representatives of the two sides in the Scottish local authority electricians' strike broke down yesterday after more than four hours. The electricians may decide to step up the strike when their executive meets on April 28.

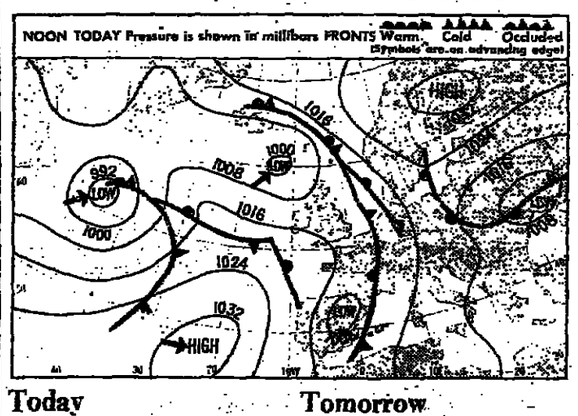
The talks were held in London under the umbrella of the Advisory, Arbitration and Conciliation Service. The strike by 1,000 electricians throughout Scotland, which has lasted for 13 weeks, is over a claim for parity with private sector electricians.

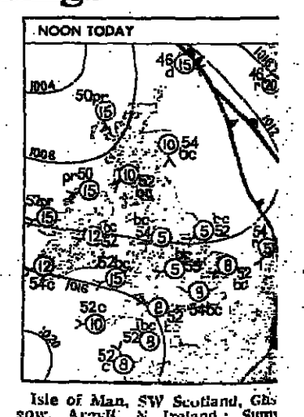
"Both sides had a useful discussion but regrettably no agreement was reached", a spokesman for the AACS said last night.

Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was interrupted by striking electricians as he opened the new headquarters of South Glamorgan County Council in Cardiff yesterday.

The electricians, who have been on strike for 11 weeks over a national pay agreement, interrupted Mr Callaghan's address with shouts of "down with the social contract".

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.58 am. Sun sets: 8.3 pm. Moon sets: 2.33 am. Moon rises: 12.8 pm. First Quarter: 5.41 am.

Lighting up: 8.33 pm to 5.26 am.

High water: London Bridge, 7.34 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 7.53 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Avonmouth, 12.31 am, 10.7m (35.2ft); 1.14 pm, 10.3m (33.8ft). Dover, 4.50 am, 5.5m (18.2ft); 5.31 pm, 5.5m (18.0ft). Hull, 11.58 am, 6.1m (19.9ft). Liverpool, 5.4 am, 7.9m (25.8ft); 5.22 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 5.56 am. Sun sets: 8.5 pm. Moon sets: 3.4 am. Moon rises: 1.26 pm.

Full Moon: April 25.

Lighting up: 8.35 pm to 5.24 am.

High Water: London Bridge, 8.44 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 9.11 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Avonmouth, 1.46 am, 10.4m (34.2ft); 2.44 pm, 10.3m (33.9ft). Dover, 6.16 am, 5.5m (17.9ft); 6.56 pm, 5.5m (18.2ft). Hull, 1.2 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 1.19 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft). Liverpool, 6.21 am, 7.7m (25.4ft); 7.13 pm, 7.7m (25.1ft).

A complex low pressure area will cover much of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE and Central S England, East Anglia, Midlands: Becoming mainly dry with sunny intervals; wind light, variable; max temp 14°C (57°F).

E, NE and Central N England: Rain early, mainly dry later with sunny intervals, wind light, variable; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, perhaps rain later; wind light, SW: max temp 13°C (55°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind variable or SW, light; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, thundery showers; wind variable or SW, light: max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Showery at first, especially in N and E, rain spreading from W to most districts later; temp about normal. Sea passages:

S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 17°C (63°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 88 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.07in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 5.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,011.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 15; Belgium, Lux Fr 10; Denmark, Nor 1.50; Finland, Fmk 1.50; France, Fr 1.80; Germany, DM 1.50; Greece, Dr 30; Italy, Lire 300; Luxembourg, Lux Fr 10; Malta, 15c; Netherlands, Fl 1.50; Portugal, Esc 12; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Kr 1.00; Switzerland, Fr 1.50; Turkey, Pts 12; Norway, Kr 1.00; Portugal, Esc 12; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Kr 1.00; Switzerland, Fr 1.50

Rail unions dismiss 20 pc crisis offer and urge revision of social contract

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secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), the train drivers' union, said that the Government had abandoned its side of the contract by increasing unemployment through its Budget measures. Some dialogue between the Government and the TUC would have to be reopened and Mr Buckton thought that could start on Monday with the meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "It is clear something will have to be done about the social contract, but not before I have completed my negotiations. My union last year supported the social contract and we would have honoured it, but we have been placed in some difficulty in being at the back end of the queue, behind some settlements which my members will not allow me to ignore."

Both the Treasury and the Confederation of British Industry have been looking at the sort of new wage guidelines they would like to see, and Government ministers have talked about the possibility of a new form of voluntary incomes policy before the end of the year.

The railwaymen's rejection of the 20 per cent offer yesterday came in spite of the emphasis put on the serious financial position of the railways by Mr Herbert Farrimond, the board member for industrial relations.

Mr Weighell rejected a suggestion that railwaymen should give the lead in the fight for containing inflation as totally unrealistic in view of what had happened in mining, the Post Office, electricity supply and the Civil Service. He also dismissed the idea that the railways were overmanned.

The unions are hoping that they will receive a new, much improved offer at the next meeting with the board on Tuesday.

Aslef bases its claim on the position train drivers reached after an arbitration hearing last year and Mr Buckton is talking in terms of 30 to 35 per cent rises. The NUR wants to maintain the relative position of railwaymen with respect to surface mineworkers and seeks a new minimum rate of £34.65, an increase of 34 per cent on the present basic, not including threshold.

That figure could be arrived at either by a straight percentage increase or by a flat-rate increase plus a percentage, which would favour the lower paid.

The NUR is also looking for some protection against future price rises through a continuing threshold arrangement or a review of pay in the autumn. Both would be contrary to the social contract guidelines and Mr Weighell admitted that there was no justification in the social contract for his argument of comparability with other workers.

The negotiations are unlikely to be concluded quickly, as they will have to produce a system of pay differentials that will satisfy the signalmen, who took disruptive action at the beginning of the year, without provoking other groups.

Judge may visit island in South Seas

Mr Justice Megarry is contemplating a visit to Ocean Island, a remote South Seas island, which is the subject of a legal dispute. He is hearing in the High Court a claim by a dozen former inhabitants of Ocean Island against the British Government and the British Phosphate Commissioners.

The islanders allege that promises to replant worked-out phosphate mining areas with food-bearing trees have not been adequately fulfilled.

The judge, who is likely to be occupied with the case for another month, and then with a second one in which more than 300 Ocean Islanders are claiming £22m phosphate royalties from the Crown, has suggested that he might go to see the 1,500-acre island for himself.

100 'uneconomic' Antarctic dogs killed

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

A hundred husky dogs were killed by members of the British Antarctic Survey as an economy measure, it was disclosed yesterday.

Most were shot when a base at Stonington Island was closed down. Others, mainly puppies, were put to sleep with drug injections. Mr Graham Wright, of Sale, Cheshire, who was in charge of the base, said. He was speaking at Southampton, where the Antarctic survey ship John Biscoe docked yesterday.

The base was closed because the survey is cutting down on dog transport and using motorized vehicles to cut costs, he said.

The huskies were shot by their keepers and buried in a large trench. "It was very distressing. When there are just two of you alone in the field with 18 dogs you can imagine how attached you get to them", Mr Wright said. Most were shot because it was felt that was the quickest way.

The dogs were expensive because they ate whale meat and it took up to two years to train explorers to handle dog teams.

Mr Eric Salmon, the survey's personnel officer, said: "It is much more economic to do without them. It would have been impractical to have saved them and moved them elsewhere."

Questions for minister

There are many questions parents would like to ask Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Tomorrow, in an interview in *The Sunday Times*, Ronald Butt asks them. Why is he so insistent on total comprehensive education? Who is to blame for disorder and truancy? Is there no future for direct grant schools? What of parental choice, and what is his attitude to examinations? Mr Prentice has some uncompromising answers.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Algiers	c	16	61	Colombo	c	31	88	Lisbon	f	19	66
Amsterdam	f	16	61	Copenhagen	s	17	63	Locarno	f	20	68
Athens	s	23	73	Dublin	r	13	55	London	f	19	66
Belfast	r	10	50	Edinburgh	r	11	52	Luxembourg	c	17	63
Bermuda	f	25	77	Florence	s	20	68	Madrid	c	14	57
Biarritz	c	21	70	Funchal	f	18	64	Majorca	s	19	66
Berlin	c	10	50	Geneva	s	17	63	Malaga	f	21	70
Bermuda	f	25	77	Gibraltar	c	18	64	Malta	f	21	70
Birmingham	f	15	59	Guernsey	f	17	63	Manchester	f	15	59
Bristol	f	17	63	Helsinki	s	10	50	Miami	s	28	82
Brussels	c	17	63	Innsbruck	s	13	55	Montreal	f	10	50
Budapest	s	12	54	Istanbul	s	17	63	Moscow	f	7	45
Chicago	f	12	54	Jersey	f	17	63	Munich	s	15	59
Cardiff	f	12	54	Las Palmas	s	18	64	Naples	f	19	66
Nice	c	13	55
Nicosia	c	23	73
Oslo	s	12	54
Ottawa	c	11	52
Paris	f	18	64
Reykjavik	f	10	50
Rome	f	21	70
Stockholm	s	11	52
Tel Aviv	s	30	86
Toronto	c	14	57
Venice	s	18	64
Vienna	f	15	59
Warsaw	c	7	45
Zurich	s	16	61

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kes us back to demon- *nd fiery speeches*" id. "It takes us back lors who are subject orders amounting to ousands of pounds." ngress unanimously demanded immediate action to eliminate deaths and casualties connected with North Sea oil exploration, and expressed particular concern at long hours of duty performed by officers sailing on oil supply vessels.

Mr Alex Clark, Scottish secretary of the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, said his union had been unsuccessfully trying to get information from the Department of Trade about how many lives had been lost in the offshore oil industry.

"In the frantic rush to get North Sea oil ashore, it would appear that little concern was given by the owners or the Department of Trade to the safety of the crews.

"Last autumn we asked the owners to supply survival suits. They have informed us that, at £55 a suit, survival suits are a *high cost item* and that before supplying them they would have to be absolutely sure that the price, durability and performance was right. I wonder what price they put on a life."

The pay for an officer on a supply boat was 72p an hour—less than £30 for a 40-hour week. The overtime rate was only 96p an hour.

"The men who man the supply boats are the Cinderellas of the *oil industry, overworked* and, by any standards, grossly underpaid."

The congress ended.

Sugar glut likely to mean price war

By Hugh Clayton

Tate and Lyle, the largest sugar refining company in Britain, said yesterday that it was to end rationing of supplies to shops. Since early last year supplies have been allocated strictly in relation to a base date in November, 1973.

"Stocks are higher than they would normally be at this time of year", the company said yesterday. "We are happy to receive orders for any quantity."

That is a complete reversal of the position last year, when shops were restricted to three quarters or less of the quantity they ordered in November, 1973. It is clear that the company now has an embarrassing surplus which it cannot dispose of because of stockpiling last year by retailers and housewives.

Many shops have still not sold all the refined sugar they bought elsewhere in the EEC during the period in 1974 of high domestic demand and low supplies. Moreover, when shops restricted customers to a fixed amount of sugar on each visit, many shoppers bought as much as they could on every shopping expedition, and those reserves have not yet been exhausted.

The present high level of supplies is likely to lead to price-cutting by supermarkets by as much as 5p on a two-pound bag of sugar that would normally cost 30p.

Princess Margaret presenting the 1974 Humanitarian Award of Variety Club International to Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, and his wife, Miss Sue Ryder, at the Festival Hall, London, last night.

County agrees to talks on comprehensive schooling but remains defiant

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Buckinghamshire County Council is unlikely to change its mind about defying the Government by refusing to change to comprehensive schooling. But it has agreed to discuss the matter again.

That emerged from a meeting yesterday between five representatives of the Conservative-controlled council and Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who was joined by Mr Ernest Armstrong, the Under-Secretary of State and department officials. It was the first of a series of meetings that Mr Prentice is holding with the seven authorities who have opposed the Government's decision to end selective schools.

The foundations of a constitutional battle were laid. Mr Prentice said that central government had the power to enforce a national policy to reorganize secondary schools on comprehensive lines. It was up to local authorities to decide how and when to comply.

The council representatives questioned whether Mr Prentice had the power to prevent the county from spending its own money on extending its secondary schools.

Afterwards Mr Prentice told a press conference that he would write to the council putting forward the Government's policy on comprehensives. He said: "I have persuaded them to agree that they will bring the letter before their education committee and then before the full council (in June) for farther discussion. I am hoping that farther discussions will lead for a change of mind."

Mr James Ireland, chairman of the county council, said: "It will be up to the council, but I heard nothing this morning that would have persuaded me to try to persuade the people of Buckinghamshire to change their minds."

Mr Prentice has reserved his position on whether to approve plans worth just under £1m to *extend two grammar schools* and three secondary modern schools in the county, presumably *until the council* has reconsidered.

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Two funeral firms involved had said they did not know identification was part of their duty and nurses and porters felt that a change in procedure some two years and a half ago might have led to confusion.

The inquiry, by three members of Somerset Area Health Authority, said: "Although on paper the procedure at Trinity Hospital appears to be satisfactory, in practice over many years one aspect of it has been virtually ignored.

"The undertakers have not been acquainted with the hospital requirements to participate in the task of joint identification. We are satisfied that the medical and nursing procedures have been correct."

The report recommended alterations to the system and suggested that undertakers likely to use the hospital should be told of the correct procedure.

Plot to further aims of 'Scots Army' alleged

Seven men appeared in court in Glasgow yesterday accused of plotting to further the aims of an organization known as the Scottish Army of the Provisional Government.

The alleged plot included plans to: Break into explosives stores, break into Ministry of Defence establishments in Scotland and England, rob banks and disrupt power supplies. The men are also charged with a Glasgow bank robbery and with possessing explosives.

The accused are: Alastair Smith, aged 23; William Murray, aged 43; Frederick Alexander Colquhoun Boothby, aged 65; Tony Tunilla, aged 25; William Anderson, aged 35; William Bell, aged 45 and John Carlyle aged 35. Their addresses were not disclosed.

Mr Bell pleaded not guilty. Lawyers for the other six entered no plea and challenged the relevance of the charges. All seven were sent for trial at Glasgow High Court.

Factory blast report under new Act

By a Staff Reporter

A report will be made to the Health and Safety Commission about the explosion on April 5 at a chemical factory at Ilford, Essex, in which a man was killed.

The report, ordered by Mr William Simpson, chairman of the commission, will be the first to be made under the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974. It will be submitted by factory and specialist inspectors who are carrying out investigations at Laporte Industries Ltd.

The commission disclosed yesterday that the Ilford factory was visited several times by experts from the Factory Inspectorate, after the Flixborough disaster of last June. The plant's cyclohexane oxidation process was closed last October after a visit by the Chief Inspector of Factories.

It was also disclosed yesterday that the difficulties of the site (the factory is in a densely populated area) will be examined by the Committee of Experts on Major Hazards, after pressure by Redbridge Borough Council and local residents.

Preliminary investigations show that Mr Robert Church, aged 52, the man who was killed in the explosion, died after being splashed by hot caustic soda when a pressure vessel failed. Laporte has suspended the manufacture of sorbitol, a sugar derivative for diabetics, in which the vessel was used.

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Rates by instalments to assist cash flow of smaller businesses

House of Commons

MR MACGREGOR (South Norfolk, C) moving the second reading of the Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) Bill said small businesses received no help last year by any of the Government measures and no relief from the total impact of the rise in rates generally.

The average rise for all non-domestic ratepayers last year was 55 per cent compared with 35 per cent for householders, many of whom benefited from the Government's measures of last July or from rate rebates.

That 55 per cent compared with a previous average annual increase of about 8 per cent a year. In the past year small businesses had faced a truly catastrophic rise. Many of those businesses were finding that although they could offset their rates against tax it was now marginal in view of the substantial increase in rates they faced.

The Bill made it mandatory on local authorities to grant to small businesses the right to pay their rates by instalment in the same way as the domestic householder. That did not reduce the rate burden, but it could have a substantial effect on the cash flow of a large number of small businesses.

The purpose of the Bill was to enable the small business hereditament to get the same rate relief as the domestic ratepayer. That meant that in the year from which the Bill would operate as an act a small shop would get relief of 18.5p in the pound if the domestic relief element were the same as at present.

Small businessmen were prepared to work long and arduous hours. They did not strike or engage in restrictive practices. They were the backbone not only of the free enterprise system, but of much of the country's community life.

MR DURANT (Reading, North, C) said the corner shopkeeper supplied a vital service and he made a plea for the local shop. The Bill could be introduced before the Layfield inquiry reports.

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) said Scotland had twice as many self-employed people as England. They were vital to rural communities. If there was no shop, people would not wish to live there. It was sad to see small communities die. Small shopkeepers kept them serviced.

MR DAVID MITCHELL (Basingstoke, C) said many people now suffering hardship could not wait for the Layfield report. It would come too late for many small businessmen. Many hundreds of small shopkeepers were giving up.

Small shopkeepers worked long hours. It was this that provided the convenience to the public. Here was a reason why they should be preserved. Small businesses also made a contribution to the environment, bringing variety to any locality, but they were closing down all the time.

MR MATHER (Esher, C) said it had been said that the Government were not interested in the small independent people, who were the backbone of the country and of the whole of the retail and distribution system.

I do not believe (he said) that it is possible that the Government can be envisaging the economic elimination of this group of people. I beg the minister to make it clear that he intends to look after this important section of the community which has no strong voice to speak for it unlike the trade unions.

MR JOHN SILKIN, Minister for Planning and Local Government (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) said inflation had hit everybody, not just those in small businesses. Domestic ratepayers and those in large businesses had faced a fairly considerable increase in rates.

One of the first things he did on entering his ministerial office was to ask if the Government were encouraging local authorities to see that rates were paid by instalments.

As a result (he said) I issued a circular in which I asked the local authorities to be as sympathetic as they possibly could about allowing businessmen, particularly small businessmen, pay their rates by instalments.

This was a concrete example of what ought to be done. There was not a single occasion on which the former Conservative Government had approached local authorities in this way.

How at one and the same time (he said) do the Opposition say there must be cuts in public expenditure, yet say let it go up to meet this particular situation of the small businessmen?

He hoped the Layfield inquiry would report by the end of the year.

Debate on second reading was adjourned.

Protecting cattle by control of infected badgers

The Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill was considered on report.

On Clause 14 (Orders),

MR JOHN SILKIN, Minister for Planning and Local Government (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) moved an amendment which he said simplified the requirement on the Secretary of State to consult local authorities and other persons. Under the amendment the Secretary of State in the case of an order covering the whole country would consult not every single local authority, at county, district and parish level but would have consultations arranged through the local authority associations.

MR STEPHEN ROSS (Isle of Wight, L) said if a protective order was made then the owners of the land and the occupiers should be consulted.

MR SILKIN said that it would be right to consult land owners and occupiers, but a statutory requirement for the Secretary of State to consult all such persons before making an order would make the arrangement too rigid. All those who ought to be consulted would be.

The amendment was agreed to.

On Clause 16 (Amendment of section 9 of Badgers Act 1973),

MR COPE (South Gloucestershire, C) moved an amendment to ensure that the ministry was empowered to license killing only by means of cyanide gas.

He said it had been stated in committee that cyanide gas was the best and most humane method. It was important that the clause should go through, but it should be as limited as possible.

MR BISHOP, Minister of State, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Newark, Lab), said gassing by cyanide was widely held by experts to be the best poison to use where the destruction of badger colonies was essential for the prevention of bovine tuberculosis. Nevertheless there were some responsible people who believed that other gases, for instance carbon monoxide, might be equally, if not more, suitable.

Poisons other than cyanide might in future become available which were more efficient, merciful and humane than this gas or carbon monoxide. The clause as it stood would allow the minister to license the use of such substances.

The amendment was withdrawn.

On Schedule 1 (Wild Creatures Protected by this Act)

MR BLENKINSOP (South Shields, Lab) moved an amendment to extend the provisions to whales, dolphins and porpoises.

He said he hoped for an assurance that Britain's territorial waters were intended to be included either now or later in the Bill.

It could be established that those creatures were under severe attack within Britain's territorial waters. There was anxiety about Norwegian whalers operating in Scottish waters and off the Shetlands, and landed either legally or illegally in seaports in those areas.

MR MATHER, for the Opposition (Esher, C) said there was a precedent in the Sex Discrimination Bill which also extended to territorial waters, not in relation to frogmen or frogwomen—or frogpersons—but to activities on oil rigs. The subject of Mr Blenkinsop's amendment was a matter proper for the United Nations to deal with.

MR BISHOP, said the Nature Conservancy Council had stated that such creatures within British waters were not in danger. The safeguards sought were already embodied in legislation. Endangered species were protected by regulations of the International Whaling Commission.

The amendment was withdrawn.

MR HARDY (Rother Valley, Lab), promoter of the Bill moving the third reading, said in recent months he had been bombarded with letters from people anxious about the clause which continued the ministry's policy of destroying badgers.

These letters suggested that the writers were not in good control of their emotions, some were utterly hysterical, some were angry, and the majority were not well informed. These people were seeking to secure the complete extinction of badgers from the British scene.

There had been a commercial lobby whipped-up by a few individuals, some not unaccustomed with the media, including a peer who had inaccurately spoken against the Bill. In a Lords debate, this same peer had not only said badgers but bats should be gassed.

The provisions of the Bill would only apply to badgers which had contracted bovine tuberculosis in certain parts of Britain. Sensationalism of the problem had probably led farmers in other parts of the country to needlessly destroy healthy badgers.

MR BISHOP said that the ministry had been concerned for a considerable time about outbreaks of tuberculosis in cattle. There was no doubt that there had been signs of the danger of the spread of this disease through the badger. It was important to take all steps to protect cattle and the prospects of farmers. Postmortem examinations at the ministry laboratories of nearly 1,000 badgers from problem areas showed that 18 per cent of them were infected by tuberculosis.

MR GUY BARNETT (Greenwich, Lab) said that if children recognized that in certain parts of the area where they lived and went to school there were rare plants which they had a responsibility to see were saved from the depredations of those who did not understand the value of these things it would be possible to hope for a greater public awareness of the importance of protecting endangered species.

One of the consequences of passing this legislation would be to educate. The purpose of legislation was not merely to punish offenders but also to obtain in the community at large a wider recognition of things that needed to be done.

MR SILKIN said this was an important step forward. They were protecting as trustees the environment in which they lived, not just for themselves, not just for the species, but for the enjoyment, love and care of future generations.

As a result of this Bill they would have protected species of animal and plant that would otherwise perhaps have disappeared. A time might come when man, having learnt to protect other species, would also learn to do something about protecting his own.

The Bill was read the third time.

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anti-EEC Cabinet minis- ll challenge the Govern- recommendation for a vote in the EEC referen- omorrow (our Political writes). They will pre- t a press conference in a document describing the United Kingdom leave the EEC in the of a 'No' vote".

Ministers are Mr Foot, ary of State for Employ- Mr Benn, Secretary of for Industry, Mr Shore, ary of State for Trade, and astle, Secretary of State cial Security.

Government close to rigging poll, leading anti-European claims

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Christopher Frere-Smith, chairman of the Get Britain Out Campaign, claimed yesterday that the Government was getting "dangerously close" to rigging the EEC referendum to ensure a "Yes" majority.

He said that he had seen no mention in the press, apart from the advertising trade journal, *Campaign*, of the fact that the Market Research Society had written to the Prime Minister stating that the way the referendum question was being put was loaded in the direction of those who favoured Europe.

"These are people who are experts in marketing research", Mr. Frere-Smith said. He thought that their views confirmed the suspicion that the Referendum Bill would be tailored to ensure an overwhelming vote in favour of remaining in the EEC.

Mr Frere-Smith was speaking at a press conference to present a pamphlet entitled *The Great Common Market Conspiracy*, by Mr Gordon Tether, a senior columnist of the *Financial Times*. It gives one of the best analyses so far offered by the anti-Europeans in favour of Britain's withdrawal on economic grounds.

Mr Tether and Mr Frere-Smith indicated that they thought the Government was trying desperately to accommodate the demands of the Conservative and Liberal parties for British citizens living abroad with the right of abode in the United Kingdom to be given a vote, for the simple reason that it thought it would be predominantly pro-European.

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said that he was writing to Mr Campbell Adamson, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, to protest about "inaccuracies" in the advice given to member organizations about the effect of Britain's membership.

"It has got its sums wrong", he said. "They were so wildly wrong that it is hard to understand how the CBI could have done it.

Mr Jenkins said he would also ask Mr Adamson to look into the spending of companies on pro-EEC propaganda, which he thought was "not proper expenditure". In particular, he would write to the chairman of Commercial Union Assurance Co Ltd about an advertisement published in every national newspaper last Tuesday.

It was an advertisement which purported to be a report of the annual results of the company but it was really a highly inaccurate plea for a Yes vote in the referendum. I do not believe that this expenditure, and it must have run into tens of thousands of pounds, was proper expenditure on behalf of the policy holders.

Mr Jenkins also demanded that the Government publish a cost-benefit analysis of EEC membership for debate at the Labour Party's special conference on April 26.

Mr Tether says in his pamphlet that the Labour Party, for its part, had helped to weigh the referendum scales heavily in favour of a pro-EEC verdict.

There is also the point that, in its approach to the mechanics of the referendum, the Government has displayed an unmistakeable pro-EEC bias. It arbitrarily decided to advance the date of the polling by a couple of weeks, fully realizing that this would add to the difficulties that anti-Market campaigners were going to experience . . . It also insisted on a choice of words for the voting slip that it must have known was calculated to operate in favour of pro-Marketeers.

The Great Common Market Conspiracy (The Get Britain Out Referendum Campaign, 67 Upper Berkeley Street, London, W1H 7DH, 25p).

Thatcher fear of threat to Clydeside

Mrs Thatcher spoke last night in Scotland of a threat to manufacturing industry "if the ill conceived referendum should result in a decision to take Britain out of Europe". She told a Conservative rally at Helensburgh, on the Clyde coast, that the damage to the economy of the west of Scotland would be substantial.

Loss of European connexions could result in many jobs vanishing with a loss of exports to the Continent. Even more serious, the blow to the British economy would have far-reaching and disastrous implications for Clydeside.

"Withdrawal from Europe would send a blast of cold air across the country. It could reach hurricane force by the time it reached Scotland."

Earlier, Mrs Thatcher was stuck in a service lift between floors while visiting a cigarette factory of W D & H O Wills in east Glasgow. She described it as "rather like a sauna bath". The general manager, Mr Anthony Collingridge, said: "It was only four minutes but it seemed like a lifetime."

A few kind words from Moscow on sovereignty

By Roger Berthoud

Opponents of the EEC have gained a new if not wholly unexpected supporter among the media: Moscow radio. Broadcasts from Moscow beamed in English to British and Irish audiences and monitored by the BBC give the Soviet stamp of approval to several of the standard arguments against membership, with strong emphasis on the evil influence of multinational corporations. They also show a tender concern for British sovereignty, which would doubtless be appreciated in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

In a "Glance at the British Scene" on April 11, Anatoly Gan spoke of a "holy alliance" of EEC supporters "leading a crusade against the vital interests of the people and, especially, of young working people". He added:

That is why on the other side of the political battlefield you find the national executive of the Labour Party, one-third of the Cabinet, more than half of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and finally the TUC, all of them taking a firm stand.

Mr Gan did not mention either Mr Enoch Powell or the National Front. The failure of renegotiations to make any amendments to the Treaty of Rome, he said, "means that the British electorate and Parliament will have to renounce a large part of their powers to take decisions and put legislation into effect and turn these powers over to the Common Market bodies. . . . Britain has not been absolved from the need to introduce a whole series of taxes on basic foods.

A day earlier, in the same programme, Mr Valentin Belyayev said that the Commons debate on the renegotiated terms "revealed that even among the Labour leadership there exists a firm conviction that the Dublin compromise failed to remove the encroachments on the rights of Parliament, the rising prices, trade deficits, and general deterioration in the standard of living resulting from Common Market membership".

The issue had divided the nation and affected all those "who felt the consequences of the total domination of the multinational monopolies that dictate their will on matters political and economic to the countries belonging to the EEC".

Labour faces crises on two issues party told

By Our Political Editor

Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, admitted last night that "our party is now at a critical moment in its history".

He told Abingdon constituency Labour Party at a dinner in Didcot, Oxfordshire: "We are now faced with two great issues which could, if we allowed them to, leave us dispirited and disunited. The first is the Common Market; the second is economic policy—and obviously I am thinking of the consequences of the Budget."

The EEC, he conceded, would put great strains on the unity and cohesion of the party. But the issue was unique, and only a referendum could now determine the real wishes of the people about Britain's future relationship with the Community.

Clearly, Labour was right to allow the maximum possible freedom of action for all members of the party to campaign for their sincerely held views.

Mr Hayward accused the Conservative Party of smears that anti-EEC Labour members were "Reds under the bed".

He also noted that press reports "love to stress the divisions within our ranks on the Market issue", and that they enthusiastically predicted the collapse of Labour after the referendum. They failed, he said, to emphasize, deliberately, that the EEC was an issue which transcended party loyalties and divided all major parties, and even families and friends.

On that basis, Mr Hayward agreed with the Prime Minister that Labour would emerge from the referendum debate more unified.

60pc in favour of staying in, survey finds

Six out of 10 voters now say they will vote "Yes" in the June referendum on EEC membership, according to the latest opinion poll survey published in the London *Evening Standard* yesterday. The finding suggested that public opinion has turned towards the EEC since the Government's recommendation of the new terms.

The survey, conducted by Opinion Research Centre, indicated that 28 per cent of voters intend to support withdrawal.

The survey was based on a representative quota sample of 1,005 electors interviewed between April 1 and April 6.

Castration after sex crimes urged

Castration for serious sexual offenders should become an alternative to life imprisonment, Dr L. H. Field, consultant psychiatrist at the Metropolitan Hospital, London, told a conference on psycho-sexual disorders at York yesterday. But he doubted, he said, whether a British Parliament would consider it.

Dr Field said the treatment was used on certain sexual offenders in Scandinavia, Germany and Holland. "A study of 900 men aged from 29 to 59 showed that only nine committed further sex offences on release following castration." The operation took away a man's aggression.

He suggested that injections or pills could be used instead but would never be as reliable.

Dr Field, who has worked with prisoners in London for more than 19 years, said afterwards: "It may be possible for life-serving sexual offenders to apply to a Common Market court with a view to castration and then release. That can be considered only for a very small number of men and is certainly not inhumane. It is simply a surgical cure for a social illness and no more inhumane than cutting a troublesome ulcer from a man's stomach."

'Psychological dangers' in sport obsession

Sport had for many people replaced religion as a reason for existence and was in many cases harmful rather than beneficial, a symposium convened by the Institute of Sports Medicine was told by a psychiatrist last night.

Dr J. A. Harrington, medical director of the Uffculme Clinic in Birmingham, said many sportsmen were "a psychological mess". An obsession with sport could endanger marriages.

It was a myth that sportsmen could show the rest of the community the most healthy way of life and a misconception that sport would reduce delinquency and vandalism, or make us live longer or healthier lives.

In fact, the sportsman was was "more than an occasional visitor to the psychiatrist's couch."

Competition in sport had greatly increased and was now preferred to competition in business. "Work is becoming more of a game, while sport becomes more of a business."

Many people worked harder at sport than at their jobs, which, along with families, were relegated to second and third places. Older sportsmen dropped dead in vain attempts to compete with younger rivals.

Farriers Bill improved

On the motion for the third reading of the Farriers (Registration) Bill, DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab) said the Government's attitude towards the Bill should be clarified. They had worked most effectively with the sponsors of the Bill, with the result that there was confidence that it would be more workable than when it was first put before the House.

The sponsors of the Bill were certain it would have a desirable effect on the supply of farriers and the quality of their work.

MR MATES (Petersfield, C) said the scope of the registration had been widened to try to overcome any fear that might add to the shortage that already existed. It was encouraging that the number of apprentices was now significantly greater than three or four years ago.

If the Bill got to the statute book it would be up to the sponsors to make sure it worked. The Worshipful Company of Farriers were conscious that it was up to them to see that it operated efficiently.

The Bill was read a third time.

House adjourned, 4.25 pm.

WEST EUROPE

Violence in Italy over Milan killing by fascist

From Our Correspondent
Rome, April 18

Petrol bombs and tear gas grenades exploded in cities all over Italy today as left-wing extremists went on a rampage of destruction to avenge the death of a comrade shot dead by a fascist in Milan on Wednesday.

A one-hour general strike called by the trade unions in protest at the killing was observed over most of the country; and hundreds of thousands of students, workers and former partisans joined in peaceful marches and demonstrations to demand an end to fascist violence.

The Government—and particularly the majority coalition party, the Christian Democrats—were sharply criticized in the press for failing to prevent fascist terrorism. The Rome newspaper *Messaggero* declared that the murder and the ensuing violence in Milan yesterday, when a demonstrator was run over and killed by a police lorry, were part of a "precise political plan by internal and international power centres".

In 10 cities and a small Sicilian town, groups of leftists ransacked or set fire to local branches of the neo-fascist Movimento Sociale, the neo-fascist trade union Cisnal and other right-wing targets. In Milan, small groups damaged the offices of two well-known neo-fascist lawyers, smashed bars frequented by fascist youths and attacked the offices of the Spanish airline Iberia.

The biggest clashes were in Turin, where about 1,500 people attacked the local Movimento Sociale branch with petrol bombs and stones. A few managed to break in and ransacked the premises.

The *Corriere della Sera* sharply attacked the Government-controlled broadcasting company RAI for its late and low-key reporting of the episodes in Milan. The Communist Party organ *L'Unita* said the violence would not stop until "the connivance at all levels, the hidden protection and the complicity it receives within the state apparatus is unmasked".

The *Messaggero*, convinced of a "precise political plan", predicted that there would be more violence before the elections.

The hermit seems to welcome spring that has come to Stockholm. Man and manhole cover are in fact a sculpture donated to the city several years ago.

Port wine industry's first strike settled

Oporto, Portugal, April 18.—The first strike in Portugal's port wine industry since 1919 ended today after the unions withdrew demands for immediate nationalization. The employers lost little money in the three-day stoppage because, as one British firm put it, "the nice thing about port is that you just leave it in the casks to mature".—Reuter.

President puts brake on growth of Paris

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 18

On several key issues involving the quality of life and town planning, President Giscard d'Estaing has taken a stand diametrically opposed to his predecessor's. He considers that traffic should be adapted to Paris, not Paris to traffic; that the proliferation of high rise blocks which mar the skyline of the capital should be halted; and that green spaces should take precedence over car parks.

The President has now taken a further step to prevent the Paris region from succumbing to galloping elephantiasis.

A special Cabinet committee headed by him decided to revise the basic plan for the Paris region, adopted in 1965, without waiting for the decision of the Paris town council and the regional assemblies.

Under this a sharp check is to be imposed on population growth, the projected increase in office space is to be reduced, the development of the five new towns on the periphery of Paris is to be encouraged and the safeguarding of green belts reinforced.

For a start, the population of the Paris region, which was under the original plan to have expanded to 12 million by 1985, and to 14 million by the year 2000, is to be limited to 12 million by the turn of the century. The present population of Greater Paris is just over 10 million.

To achieve this, priority is to be given to the new towns of the Paris region, so that they can absorb half the additional population increase for the region under the plan.

The growth of industry is also to be checked sharply. Between now and 1980, new industrial areas must not exceed 1,500 hectares, two-thirds of them to be set up in the new towns.

New office space in the Paris region will be reduced from 950,000 square metres a year to 700,000 square metres, a third of this in the new towns. Within the Paris city limits, only 200,000 square metres of new office space will be authorized in five years.

President Giscard d'Estaing has also insisted on a decentralization of the administration. Ministries will not be allowed to expand their office space except in the new towns.

The five nature reserves set up six months ago—Plaine de France, Plaine de Versailles, Plateau de Hurepoix, Plateau de Brie, and Plateau du Sud—designed to act as green belts for the Paris region, are to be placed under the supervision of a special delegate of the Prime Minister's office, whose task will be to ensure that all restrictions on building and development are observed, and that agriculture is preserved.

Finally, an expert, to be appointed by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, will investigate the whole problem of transport and traffic

EEC drive on work rights for women

By David Leigh

Laws against sex discrimination at work should be in force throughout the European Community by June, 1976, Dr Patrick Hillery, the vice-president of the Commission, said yesterday.

He is touring the nine EEC countries to promote the Commission's proposed directive on equal treatment, which is due to be considered by the Council of Ministers by June this year, with a time limit of one year for legislation.

Although the aim of equal work opportunity for women is accepted throughout the upper echelons of the EEC, Dr Hillery said there was opposition to equal pay from employers' organizations at his first port of call—Dublin, where he was formerly Foreign Minister.

In Britain no problems arise over sex discrimination: the legislation already published meets most of the EEC criteria.

The Commission has studied women's employment throughout Europe, and the main conclusion of the Social Affairs Directorate is that the structure invariably has women at the bottom. The underlying assumption that they are supplementary to men works against them, and the Commission's studies find that very little has been done in any of the EEC countries to ease the burden of the dual role of working women—employees and potential wives and mothers.

The proposed EEC directive on equal treatment will oblige states to abolish all discrimination based on sex and marital or family status by offering equal opportunity in jobs, training and working conditions. Member countries will have to change outdated provisions intended to protect women, provide retraining facilities and offer equal promotion chances, with legal redress for discrimination.

Economic recession and influence of church damage election prospects of the left in industrial Oporto

Moderates on top in north Portugal

From Nicholas Ashford
Oporto

An anonymous poster appeared on the walls of Oporto University this week. "Friend", it said. "Don't be hysterical. Vote for a party that supports democracy—CDS, PPM, PPD, PS." The message was clear—do not vote communist at the elections next Friday but choose any one of the four non-communist parties.

In Lisbon a poster expressing such views would have been quickly torn down or defaced. But in Oporto the political atmosphere is very different. Here the centre and conservative political parties are making most of the running while the Communist Party and its allies have so far made little impression except in the working class suburbs and some of the textile towns near by.

Oporto is Portugal's Manchester, with plenty of "brass", although less "muck". Its public buildings have the same sort of Victorian solidity. It is the centre of the country's most important economic area in which the main industries are textiles, metallurgy, chemicals, food processing, and, of course, port wine.

The city's traditional sense of well-being has been shaken in recent months not only by political developments at home but by the world economic recession. The textile industry, Portugal's biggest source of exports, is in crisis. Sales have slumped, few new orders are being received, and factories are maintaining employment and production only by stocking up their warehouses.

The port wine shippers, who experienced their first strike this week, have been hit by a sharp drop in demand. Foreign investment in the area has virtually come to a standstill.

Oporto's looming economic crisis is likely to benefit the "moderate" political parties, which in the conservative north means the Centre Democratic Social Party (CDS) and the Popular Democratic Party (PPD).

The impact being made by the CDS is striking despite the fact that the party is holding hardly any public meetings. The CDS points out that as the party is not represented in the Government, it cannot be held to blame for present economic problems.

At the beginning of this year the CDS's national congress was broken up by leftist agitators. After the abortive coup of March 11 the party's headquarters was completely gutted by demonstrators. However, party leaders exude confidence and forecast that they may receive as much as 40 per cent of the vote in the north. "The attack on us has encouraged public sympathy," Professor Joaquim Polonia, one of the party's founders, said.

The CDS's television campaign has been particularly successful, especially a broadcast made by the charismatic General Galvao de Melo, a close colleague of General Spinola, the former president.

The party preaches non-violence, hard work, freedom of choice, and Christian virtues, and has the tacit support of many priests.

Its main rival is the centre-left PPD, whose leader, Dr Francisco Sá Carneiro, was born in Oporto. The PPD has been much more aggressive in its campaign and has been involved in clashes with left-wing groups. The Communists fear the PPD far more than the CDS and they have accused it of harbouring "fascists".

The PPD is expected to do well in the elections. Its main appeal is to those who want to see things change but not too radically or too quickly. It also has the unofficial blessing of the Roman Catholic Church.

The prospects for the Socialist Party are more difficult to assess. The party seems to be attracting support in working class areas and among educated villagers. Its leaders present the party's programme in more moderate tones than they do in Lisbon and the south, but being a Marxist party, it is viewed with suspicion by many priests.

The Communist Party, by the admission of one of its leaders, Senhora Magarida Tengarrinha, does not expect a high poll except in working class areas. Although its campaign has been carried out with customary efficiency and energy, the party has encountered considerable hostility both from "reactionaries" and churchmen. Senhora Tengarrinha was beaten up at one election meeting.

She claims that priests in some remote areas have threatened parishioners with excommunication if they vote Communist.

However, she believes that the party will eventually make a significant impact on the countryside. But not in time for the April 25 elections.

Nato leaders to hold special Brussels summit

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, April 18

President Ford, Mr Wilson and other Nato heads of government are to hold a special summit meeting in Brussels at the end of next month. Announced today as part of a two-day meeting of foreign ministers, already planned for May 29 and 30, the summit is expected to have a broad agenda covering East-West relations and other pressing foreign policy problems.

The presence of heads of government and foreign ministers in the EEC capital is also likely to lead to a number of bilateral discussions over questions directly affecting the alliance, such as Cyprus and, possibly, recent political developments in Portugal.

Enthusiasm for the summit, originally mooted by Britain and the United States, is not shared by all member states. For domestic political reasons, the French, for example, are not keen on the idea and are expected to be represented by M Jean Sauvagnargues, their Foreign Minister, instead of President Giscard d'Estaing.

E Germans hold couple on spying charge

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, April 18

The East German news agency ADN today confirmed the arrest last Tuesday of a leading member of the West Berlin Christian Democratic Youth organization, Junge Union, and his Korean-born wife.

The agency said that Herr Volker Franke and his wife, Hyoun Yo, were caught fulfilling an assignment for "imperialist intelligence services". ADN did not mention the place of the arrest, believed to have been Jena, in East Germany.

Hooded men swear vengeance on Nazis

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 18

Five men wearing white hoods, who described themselves as members of the "Action Committee Resistance and Deportation"—an organization unknown to other bodies of former members of the resistance or Nazi concentration camp inmates—announced at a press conference this morning that they would "eliminate" all former Nazi war criminals who had gone unpunished so far.

The press conference was held behind drawn curtains in a Paris hotel room watched over by bodyguards. The five men explained that they were Jewish and non-Jewish victims of Nazi barbarity. "For a long time", they said, "we believed that the Nazi criminals had been brought to book."

However, they were now convinced that the hunt for them was being conducted, without enough energy, in spite of the recent ratification of a Franco-German judicial convention, making it possible for those condemned *in absentia* by French courts after the war, and now living unhindered in Germany, to be tried again by German courts.

The committee members said that they had the determination and the means to do what they proposed. "If the Nazi war criminals are not soon made accountable to the justice of men, some among the more guilty will be brought earlier than they anticipated before the justice of God."

As evidence of their claims that many had gone unpunished, they produced substantial files on two people—a former SS Obersturmbannführer, said to be responsible for the massacre of thousands of members of the Soviet resistance movement and Jews at Krasnodar in 1942 and 1943, and now a prosperous estate agent in Munich; and a man alleged to be responsible in the Foreign Ministry for the "final solution", and now living at Düsseldorf as a doctor.

"We have known the place of residence of these and other Nazi war criminals for a long time", the members of the committee said.

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Khmer Rouge troops order the entire population of Phnom Penh to leave city

Phnom Penh, April 18.—Khmer Rouge patrols with loudspeakers went through Phnom Penh last night telling the population to evacuate the city. The soldiers, who only hours earlier had made a triumphant entry into the capital, said the city might come under shellfire.

The evacuation orders, directed to all residents, regardless of nationality, told the people to clear out and go into the countryside about 12 miles outside the capital.

The orders boomed over loudspeakers after the sun had set, touching off panic in some neighbourhoods and contrasting with the fiesta atmosphere earlier in the day when the insurgent troops had moved into the city, as republican troops surrendered.

During the night, the situation was confused in the northern part of Phnom Penh, the area containing the French embassy, the French *lycée*, the French Calmette Hospital and the Hotel Le Phnom which has been made an international zone by the International Red Cross.

Residents of the northern part of the city tried to find shelter wherever they thought they might be under some form of protection. Several hundred succeeded in getting through the iron fence around the French embassy compound. Meanwhile, the *lycée* was reportedly occupied by troops of the Khmer National United Front (Funk) who expelled the caretakers.

At the Calmette Hospital, where a team of French doctors and surgeons remained on duty, the soldiers reportedly undertook the evacuation of everyone—medical staff, patients and the several dozen foreigners (mostly French) who had taken refuge there.—Agence France-Presse.

Bangkok, April 18.—According to reports reaching Bangkok the Khmer Rouge troops said there were about to be air raids, repeating: "American bombers are about to come and raze the city".

But further reports which arrived in the afternoon said the atmosphere in the Cambodian capital was less tense than it had been when the evacuation order was given.

Meanwhile, thousands of Cambodians from the ruby and sapphire mines of Pailin are reported to have forced their way across the Thai frontier to seek refuge in Pong Nam Rong district last night.

Mr. Bunchai Srisarakam, Governor of Chantaburi province, said the refugees, including senior officers, broke down police barricades at border checkpoints. Reports added that the Chief of Staff of Pailin province said three Cambodian Republican Army divisions and other refugees were also heading for the border. The army officers who crossed the border were disarmed, Mr. Bunchai said, and were being held by the Thai authorities.

General Sak Authsakhan, republican commander-in-chief, arrived in the Thai-American base of U-Tapao last night a member of his family said today. Cambodian sources said that a Cambodian Air Force aircraft landed in Thai territory today carrying the former republican Air Force commander.

The sources said that the aircraft, which also carried 26 other refugees, landed at Surin, 37 miles inside Thailand. But Thai military and Foreign Ministry officials firmly denied that Mr Long Boret, the former Cambodian Prime Minister, had reached Thailand. Mr Boret is one of the seven men named as "super-traitors" by the new government which has already sentenced them to death. Reports have claimed that he fled Phnom Penh as the Khmer Rouge entered.

According to rumours, Admiral Wong Sarendi and a number of generals were captured by the Khmer Rouge when their escape helicopter landed to refuel at Kompong Chhnang, north of Phnom Penh.—Agence France-Presse.

Singapore, April 18.—Eight Asian countries today decided to recognize the new Cambodian Government nominally headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Within 36 hours of the capture of Phnom Penh, Laos, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal and Japan said they had agreed to recognize Prince Sihanouk's Royal Government of Khmer National Union (Grunk). Jordan is also to recognize it.

David Bonavia writes from Peking: The Chinese leaders have conveyed their "warmest congratulations and highest esteem" to Prince Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge on their victory.

The official news agency today released the text of a message sent yesterday in the name of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, and Mr Chu-teh, chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Accusing the United States of having "engineered" the coup in which Prince Sihanouk was deposed five years ago, the Chinese leaders said that the events in Cambodia were "a brilliant example for the revolutionary people of the world. "The Chinese people heartily rejoice over the victory of the Cambodian people as they would over their own", the message said.

Kissinger fear of bloodbath in fallen Cambodia

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approved in principle but not yet appropriated.

The appropriations committees are examining the question, but the rejection of extra aid is a bad augury for Saigon and the Administration, who are counting on at least this last token of American assistance to shore up the collapsing morale of the South Vietnamese.

Meanwhile, other committees are completing work on the President's request for clarification of his right to use American troops in South Vietnam to rescue Americans, if the need should arise, and to evacuate foreigners (meaning those Vietnamese who have supported the Americans most conspicuously) if the worst should befall.

A House committee has produced a Bill permitting the use of American troops and the Senate will probably follow suit.

The Senate foreign relations committee's decision to approve the $200m in humanitarian aid was taken after the State Department had given a series of assurances that every effort was being made to evacuate all non-essential Americans from Saigon.

The committee had delayed voting on the matter over the past two days, under the belief that the United States Embassy in Saigon was "dragging its feet" on evacuating Americans.

It was feared that the communist advance would reach Saigon before the American community there had been reduced to manageable proportions, and that large-scale American military intervention would have been necessary to rescue them.

Washington, April 18.—Predicting "great human suffering", Dr Kissinger said today that he believes there will be widespread killing in Cambodia. "They will try to eliminate all political opponents", he said of the new Khmer Rouge government. "That was certainly the experience in South Vietnam."

Some reports from Cambodia suggested that the majority of the former Cabinet members were still there and that some had been arrested.

Dr Kissinger told the House international relations committee that there would be suffering because the concentration of refugees in Phnom Penh would result in such problems as food shortages.

On South Vietnam, Dr Kissinger told the committee that President Ford's case was not that military aid would assure South Vietnam's survival, but rather that it would assure "the most controlled circumstances and the most humane solution" to the fighting.

Without American military aid, he said, "the collapse would come soon".

However, with American military aid there was still an opportunity for stabilizing military lines round Saigon and bringing some negotiations with the North Vietnamese and Vietcong.—AP.

Manila, April 18.—The American aircraft carrier, Enterprise and an escort ship left Manila Bay today for an undisclosed destination an hour after they arrived for a weekend visit. There was speculation that they would steam off the Vietnam coast in case Washington ordered a quick evacuation of Americans from Saigon.—AP.

Saigon, April 18.—Americans are slipping out of Saigon in a silent night evacuation, with the full complicity of the South Vietnamese authorities, well-informed Western diplomatic sources said today.

At night, when the 9 pm curfew has emptied the streets, the Americans are being transported to Saigon airport and flown to the United States in C141 military transport aircraft, the sources said.

Despite an official American denial today, the sources said that the American colony which numbers about 6,000 will be down to a manageable 1,000 in 10 days' time.

Meanwhile, Government troops took heavy punishment today as they fought communist units which bypassed Xuan Loc to head north and south of Highway 1 for the vital Bien Hoa air base, only 18 miles from Saigon and within shelling range of the capital.—Agence France Presse and Reuter.

Israelis blamed for strife in Lebanon

Beirut, April 18.—Mr Rashid al-Solh, the Lebanese Prime Minister, today accused Israel agents of provoking fighting between Right-wingers and Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon.

He confirmed an interview published by the newspaper *as-Safir* in which he was quoted as saying that between 200 and 250 Israel agents had entered the country with false passports during the past two weeks.

In continued violence today two young girls were shot dead in a Beirut suburb and two women were killed in Tripoli.

Ford move to curb spending on welfare

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, April 18

President Ford to declared that the Fed Government can no lon increase spending at the ra has done in the past announced that "It is time reexamine not only American Budget, but American conscience and basic American virtues".

In an address to a joint sion of the New Hamps legislature, the President sta that massive Governm spending on social welfare p grammes "must be reassesse

The Government, he s must stop making endless a expensive promises and st searching for the means finance the many promises t have been made in the past

At the present rate of grow of federal programmes t Administration will need in ju two decades to collect in ta more than half of Americ gross national product.

President Ford is schedul to make numerous speech throughout the country in t coming weeks and his remar today, coming after his rece national television address a a speech in Las Vegas, indica that he is determined to ca paign hard for reductions social welfare programmes th Congress, so far, has appeare unprepared to make.

He stated that a great numb of current social welfare pro grammes are both "uncoord nated and ineffective". H pointed out that the time be come for the Government concentrate on balancing th federal Budget and full reexamine the huge volume o present social welfare pro grammes.

Since the early 1950s, h said, the number of federa social assistance programme has increased from 200 to mor than 1,000. "There has also been a massive increase in the country's bureaucracy—on the federal, state and local levels—from about six million employees in 1950 to 14 million today."

The President also announced some new Budget target figures that are slightly larger than earlier Administration forecasts. Federal Government spending for the year ending on June 30 should now total about $322,000m (£134,000m) and he planned to hold the Budget for 1976 to approximately $336,000m. "I am seriously concerned about the borrowing we must do to support these levels of spending," the President stated.

Cyprus Britons told not to declare property to Turks

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, April 18

Britons and other foreigners owning property in the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus were warned by the Cyprus Government today that registration of their property with the Turkish authorities would "harm their legal rights".

The warning appeared to be part of a wider move by the Cyprus Government to underline its non-recognition of the unilateral proclamation of a separate Turkish Cypriot federal state in the Turkish-occupied part of the island two months ago.

The Cyprus Government spokesman said at his daily news briefing that Cypriot diplomatic missions abroad have been instructed to inform interested parties of the illegality of the Turkish actions.

Greek-owned hotels, factories and other properties in the Turkish occupied part of the island have been seized by the Turkish Cypriot side, which is utilizing them illegally.

He said tourists staying in hotels seized by the Turks would be regarded as lawbreakers themselves. Foreign visitors entering the island through any but the ports and airports officially recognized by the Cyprus Government, that is through the Turkish side, would also be regarded as lawbreakers and would be prosecuted, the spokesman added.

Leader of Chilean junta meets Señora Perón

From Florencia Varas
Santiago, April 18

General Pinochet and Señora Perón, the Chilean and Argentine Presidents, were meeting today at Morón air base, 15 miles outside Buenos Aires.

The meeting had been qualified by some Argentine newspapers as the birth of a "holy alliance" against Marxist subversion, although the subjects to be discussed were kept secret.

It was originally thought that the meeting would take place in Bariloche, a mountain tourist centre in the south of Argentina, or in the border town of Mendoza. But with some 15,000 supporters of the former Allende regime now living in Argentina, the air base offered General Pinochet greater security.

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Concorde noise played at hearing

From Peter Stratford
New York, April 18

Concorde faced more trouble today when hearings opened on the critical question of landing rights at Kennedy International Airport in New York. Many local residents are intent on preventing the supersonic airliner from landing; and they arrived at the hearings in busloads to present their case.

Mr Ogden Reid, the head of New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation, gave a strong hint that he would make a recommendation against allowing Concorde to land. He would be completing his report next week, he said, and so far scientific evidence on the aircraft was "not reassuring".

This report is important, because it will be considered in any decision on Concorde that Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor of New York State, will take. Mr Carey has the power to veto any ruling by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs Kennedy airport. He has taken the view that Concorde should not be allowed in if it fails to meet environmental requirements.

Kennedy airport is critical for the Concorde, because of the importance of the transatlantic flight to New York. British Airways and Air France have each applied for the right to operate two flights daily in and out of Kennedy. They have built much of their case on the minimal disruption that this would cause.

But local feelings are running high, particularly on the noise the aircraft would make. Representatives of several citizens' groups present at the hearings live directly on the flight path Concorde would follow.

They clapped as members of Congress vied with each other in denouncing the likely damage done by the aircraft, both by its noise and by its pollution of the air around the airport. Their worst fears were confirmed when tape recordings were played of three aircraft taking off—the Boeing 707, the DC8, and Concorde. Concorde came out as the loudest.

Today's arguments concentrated on three main points: noise, local pollution and damage to the stratosphere through ozone depletion. They were backed up by the emotional plea that small people in Queens, the borough containing Kennedy airport, should not be victimized in the interest of the international jet set.

Mr James Buckley, a Congressman, thought it was intolerable that 2,600 local residents should have to put up with greater noise so that "a few hundred travellers per day can shave three or four hours from the time it takes them to cross the Atlantic". Mrs Bella Abzug, a Congresswoman, said that the scheme was "favouring the privileged few at the expense of the mass of citizens".

There was also much criticism of the proposed manoeuvre by which Concorde pilots would go into a turn soon after takeoff in order to reduce noise. Several speakers said that this was dangerous. Mr Lester Wolff, a Congressman, spoke of "thousands of innocent people" who might "pay with their lives" if things went wrong.

Speakers insisted that banning Concorde would not be discriminatory if such a decision arose from the application of environmental principles which bind domestic aircraft operators. Britain and France would therefore not be able to retaliate.

Mr Wolff argued that the majority of British and French people were in any case opposed to Concorde, and would be glad of an excuse to stop building it.

The case for Concorde was put by several British and French speakers. They argued that the airliner would in fact meet American environmental requirements.

Miss Onassis and uncle end differences

Athens, April 18.—Miss Christina Onassis and Mr Stavros Niarchos, the Greek shipowner and financier, said today that they had resolved their differences resulting from the estate of the late Tina Onassis Niarchos, the mother of Miss Onassis and the last wife of Mr Niarchos.

In a joint statement distributed by a Niarchos spokesman, Miss Onassis, daughter of the late shipowner, and her uncle said there was "no dispute or disagreement of any kind".

"All matters which arose have now been settled and there is complete harmony in their friendly relations, which remain undisturbed," the statement said. According to Greek magazine reports yesterday, Miss Onassis filed a suit against Mr Niarchos because he allegedly was withholding her inheritance from her [illegible].

Churchill statue for Mexico City

Mexico City, April 18.—Lady Soames, daughter of Sir Winston Churchill, yesterday unveiled a statue of Sir Winston, presented to Mexico by the Anglo-Mexican Friendship Committee.—AP.

Mr Smith invites ANC to resume talks

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, April 18

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, has invited the African National Council (ANC) to resume talks next week on constitutional issue. A Government spokesman said today that Mr Smith was "ready to commence constitutional discussions immediately".

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the ANC leader, said he had received a telephone invitation to meet Mr Smith but was writing to him immediately, asking for certain matters to be cleared up, including the question of detente".

The Bishop obviously was referring to the status of the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, the former ANC leader, who was released from detention to attend the Organization of African Unity conference in Dar es Salaam, but who is still a marked man in the eyes of the Rhodesian Government and in particular would be placed back in detention once he returned to Rhodesia. This he has promised to do after taking care of some personal matters in Dar es Salaam.

It is understood that the Government would want Mr Sithole to be officially released from detention on his return to Rhodesia. Commenting further on the invitation to meet Mr Smith, Bishop Muzorewa said that at once talks started, the ANC would be convinced that the Government was more sincere now than in the past, and that proceedings at such meetings would not be petty. "I believe we will be able to accomplish something."

It is not known how the Bishop will be satisfied that the response he gets to his invitation is there is every indication that the African parties will meet next week with prospects of a full-scale constitutional conference taking place inside a month.

Previous talks were broken off earlier in the year the question of discussion was a site for the conference. The ANC demanded that it should be outside Rhodesia while Mr Smith insisted that it should be held in the country.

Thirty years on: Klaudia Soboleva (at right in left-hand picture), seen at her liberation from a Nazi concentration camp, has been traced by a Russian newspaper. She now works as a scientist at the Karelia Biology Institute.

Mr Vorster still sees chance for talks despite OAU militancy

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, April 18

Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, expressed his determination today to continue discussions with African states that desired such contacts.

Responding for the first time to the recent Organization of African Unity meeting in Dar es Salaam which formulated policy on southern Africa, Mr Vorster told Parliament: "After very careful consideration, I think I can say that they decided that détente and dialogue is out but consultation and contact with South Africa under certain circumstances is permissible."

He did not have the slightest doubt, he said, that there was an upward trend in relationships with other African governments and that circumstances would bring about a better understanding.

However, the Prime Minister dismissed firmly any prospects of his Government dealing with the republic's own black political leaders now in prison or with Swapo (the South West Africa People's Organization).

He wished to make it very clear, Mr Vorster said, that when he held discussions with the leaders of other African states he did so on the basis of separate development, with the distinct acknowledgment that the homelands would become fully independent.

If anybody adopted the standpoint that Nelson Mandela (the jailed leader of the banned African National Congress) was the black leader of the people of South Africa, he need not waste his time in having discussions with him, Mr Vorster said.

Mr Vorster maintained that one of the main objectives of the OAU meeting was to save and reestablish the unity of the organization. He dismissed as "old and futile" the series of resolutions aimed at putting pressure on the republic. There was fear in certain African states, he said, that the policy of separate development and the ultimate independence of the homelands would become an accomplished fact, and to counterbalance that they had decided to have nothing to do with the homeland leaders.

Mr Vorster dismissed some of the OAU resolutions as "blatant lies", but added: "Because I know the circumstances and because I am aware of the particular circumstances in which the meeting was held, I reproach nobody. I do, however, unreservedly reject the charges made with the contempt they deserve. This will not deter me from having discussions with African states which desire discussions with South Africa."

The Prime Minister said that, according to his information, four states in particular forced the case against South Africa to a head—Libya, Guinea, Kenya and Lesotho.

He expressed surprise at Kenya's attitude and blamed it on new developments there. Lesotho's attitude also surprised him. The Lesotho leaders were completely out of touch with the feelings of their people and were irritated because they had been overlooked when discussions on dialogue were held by Botswana, Swaziland and Tanzania.

Mr Vorster believed dialogue in Africa would continue on the South-West Africa (Namibia) situation, but not on the terms demanded by African states. It would also continue on Rhodesia. Times and circumstances were changing and consultation between the republic and other African states was an inescapable fact. Whatever their attitude to the republic, African states could not help but respect the republic's integrity, stability and development.

Mr Vorster rejected, for the moment, an Opposition suggestion that an impartial foreigner of high status should be invited to help with a proposed interracial conference on South-West Africa's future.

An elaborate ceremony is planned for the inauguration here tomorrow of South Africa's new state President, Dr Nicolaas Diederichs.

For the first time, the republic's 16 million Africans will be represented by the political leaders of the nine embryo bantustans.

Geneva conventions being brought up to date

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 18

The diplomatic conference on humanitarian law in war has made substantial progress during its 11-week session which ended today. Committees have approved 77 articles out of the 137 proposed for bringing the 1949 Geneva conventions up to date.

After another conference, a year hence, also under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross, most of the draft articles are expected to be ready for signature. If so, the additional conventions should be international law well before the end of the decade.

Among the new articles is a series providing protection and immunity for medical aircraft. This reflects the knowledge that quick evaluation of wounded from the battlefield can save many lives.

Provisions for the protection of civil populations include a prohibition on bombing dams, dikes and nuclear power stations, if such action could release "dangerous forces" causing heavy civilian casualties.

Charges dropped against Mr Connally

Washington, April 18.—The special prosecutor dropped all remaining charges against Mr John Connally, the former Treasury Secretary, today after a Washington jury found him innocent of accepting $10,000 (£4,160) in bribes from the milk producers for helping them get higher price supports in 1971.

Mr Connally originally was charged with accepting two bribes from his former associate Mr Jake Jacobsen, and with three other counts; two counts of perjury and one count of conspiracy to commit perjury.

KGB arrests Amnesty official in Moscow

Moscow, April 18.—The Soviet Union today announced the arrest of the Moscow secretary of Amnesty International on charges of slandering the state.

The arrest of Mr Andrei Tverdokhlyebov, aged 35, was made during an apparent move against members of the London-based group.

Dissident sources said that the KGB, the Soviet secret police, conducted extensive searches of flats belonging to members of Amnesty International. Some documents were seized.

In a publicity move without precedent, the Soviet authorities announced Mr Tverdokhlyebov's arrest in a message sent to the home offices of news agencies with Moscow-based correspondents.

The Soviet Union has often circulated news intended exclusively for the foreign press; but this is the first occasion that Moscow correspondents of Western organizations have been bypassed with news delivered directly to their home offices.

Amnesty International accepted the Soviet branch into the organization last autumn. It has about 20 members in Moscow; and it is not recognized by the Soviet Government.—*UPI.*

Ethiopia to try Briton for conspiracy

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 18

Mr Leslie Henry Cramer, a British national arrested in Addis Ababa towards the end of last month, is to appear in court there on Wednesday charged with conspiring to overthrow the military regime.

Mrs Geraldine Cramer, his estranged wife, who works in Geneva, has been officially informed through the Foreign Office that Mr Cramer will be put on trial.

Mr Cramer, who is 70, has lived in Ethiopia for about 25 years as a businessman and latterly as a chicken farmer. At one period he worked also for the Ministry of Information there.

After his first appearance in court two weeks ago, when the British consul was also present, he was removed from prison to a hospital.

Mrs Cramer believes that a factor in his transfer may have been a cable she sent to one of their former acquaintances, now highly placed in the Government, appealing for a release "on grounds of age and physical and mental condition".

Ethiopian press reports have represented Mr Cramer as a wealthy man who "acquired tracts of land through his connexions with the aristocrats and the nobility"—a picture that, his wife says, is far removed from the facts.

According to the press reports the authorities had intercepted a letter allegedly written by him to an Ethiopian personality outside the country, in which there was mention of possibly raising $25m (£11m) among Arab oil states with the aim of overthrowing the military Government.

A purported photocopy of the letter was produced in court, but the prosecutor said the original "was unfortunately in the hands of a witness who is not in Ethiopia at the moment". He added, however, that the person concerned would be present at the next hearing.

The letter, he alleged, had been written on a typewriter in the office of Mr Cramer.

The reports also claimed that the letter referred to "ways of bringing the Assab refinery to a standstill" and of spreading "big lies, as Hitler did".

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No disclosure of Monopolies Commission papers

F. Hoffman La Roche & Co AG and others v Department of Trade and Industry and Another
Before *Mr Justice Templeman*

His Lordship refused applications by Roche Products Ltd, in their action against the Department of Trade and Industry and the Monopolies Commission over the commission's report on the drugs Librium and Valium and the minister's orders reducing their prices. The applications were for disclosure of certain documents in the possession of the commission and the department.

He held that disclosure would be contrary to the public interest and that Roche's case would not be legitimately and materially assisted by such disclosure; that the withholding of the documents was necessary for the proper functioning of the public service, and that his Lordship was not *persuaded that their non-disclosure* would lead to Roche failing to obtain justice.

His Lordship ordered discovery of certain documents in the possession of Roche and for further and better particulars of allegations in the statements of claim while refusing similar orders in respect of other matters.

Mr Richard Yorke, QC, Mr A. R. Barrowclough, QC, and Miss Genevra Caws for Roche; Mr Peter Gibson for the department; Mr Anthony Lloyd, QC, Mr P. D. J. Scott and Mr P. H. Goldsmith for the commission.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Monopolies Commission in 1973 reported that Roche Productions Ltd, determined the level of prices at which Librium and Valium were supplied and that it was against the public interest. They recommended that the prices be reduced, and the Secretary of State made orders accordingly.

The Roche group claimed a declaration that the commission's procedures in their investigations and report were unfair and contrary to natural justice and that the report and orders were invalid, and damages. The action had not progressed beyond discovery.

Roche now sought disclosure of certain documents. The defendants, the commission and the department, resisted on the ground of public interest, and sought further discovery and particulars of the statement of claim. Roche resisted on the grounds of irrelevance and oppression.

It was assumed that Roche's complaints were susceptible of proof at the trial and that, if proved, they might entitle Roche to some of the relief sought. It followed that Roche should not be hampered in the ultimate presentation of their case by non-disclosure of documents except to the extent that the public interest required.

Disclosure, discovery and particulars were not ends in themselves; the right to obtain and the duty or power to withhold information should not be exploited so as to achieve by compromise or threat a result which was unfair to a litigant or injurious to the public interest.

The principle of natural justice was based on fairness and on the task of those against whom it was sought to be enforced.

The documents Roche wished to inspect were admitted to be relevant. The defendants asserted they belonged to classes of documents which ought to be withheld in the public interest. In *Conway v Rimmer* ([1968] AC 910) it was held that the proper test was whether such withholding was really necessary for the proper functioning of the public service. That test applied as much to the documents withheld by the commission as to the documents withheld by government departments. Lord Reid, who after deciding that a minister's reasons for non-disclosure were not decisive, said that if the judge decided, on balance, that the documents probably ought to be produced, it was generally best that he should see them before ordering production.

In the case of the commission, the disputed documents were, first, internal documents passing between members of the commission and their staff in the course of their investigation and preparation of the report. The chairman of the commission and the Secretary of State had formed the view that disclosure of such documents would be injurious to the public interest. Those views were not decisive but required careful consideration.

The commission chairman expressed the view that "it would not be possible for members to do their task properly if communications between them during this period were liable to be produced for inspection.

Mr Yorke urged that members of the commission should be more robust, but in his Lordship's judgment it would be an intolerable burden for the commission if the changes of opinion of each individual member could be charted and the degree of enthusiasm of every member for different conclusions and recommendations at different times could be debated.

The commission's task imposed on them, by Parliament, involved consideration of commercial and industrial practices, the policies of companies and other matters which might have a serious effect on the national economy. Freedom of thought and expression at all stages between members of the commission and their staff was necessary. The commission must answer to Parliament for their report and to the courts for their procedure. The threat that they might have to answer to an alleged aggrieved monopolist for all their thought processes would be bound to hamper their efficiency. In his Lordship's judgment, the commission could not properly and fearlessly discharge their functions under such a threat; the withholding of the documents in the first category was necessary for the proper functioning of the public service.

However, his Lordship would not dispose of Roche's application to inspect the documents without considering their probable importance. There were cases, were injury to the public interest involved in disclosures was less than the danger of injury to the public interest by depriving the litigant of justice.

His conclusion was that Roche's case would not be legitimately and materially assisted by documents which disclosed what individual members of the commission said and thought from time to time during the investigation. There was no allegation of bad faith. Their case appeared to rest on correspondence, meetings between the commission and Roche, the extent to which Roche were aware of the issues, the terms of the report, and, to some extent, on the evidence from third parties. Those would be sufficient to show what the commission did and what it omitted to do.

In his Lordship's judgment there was a strong case for the first category documents to remain undisclosed, and no clear indication that Roche required to see them otherwise than for the purpose of making mischief. The injury involved in disclosure appeared to be much greater than the danger and possibility of injury to Roche arising from non-disclosure.

The commission had also refused to disclose a second category of documents—those emanating from third parties—unless their authors consented. They related to evidence at a private meeting and two letters from Berk Pharmaceuticals Ltd, a competitor of Roche.

Again his Lordship concluded that it was necessary to withhold the documents for the proper functioning of the public service. Mr Yorke had pointed out that the commission did not give an absolute pledge of secrecy and that they had power to enforce the giving of information. Nevertheless the commission's work would be hampered if those who gave evidence had reason to fear disclosure without their consent at the behest of a competitor aggrieved by the results of an investigation.

As to the likely materiality and importance of the documents, his Lordship was not persuaded that non-disclosure was likely to lead to Roche failing to obtain justice.

Against the department Roche sought disclosure of three categories of documents; (1) communications between ministers; (2) communications between officials of the department and of the Department of Health and Social Security; and (3) communications and reports of meetings between officials of the two ministries and their legal advisers. In each case a minister's certificate stated that the disclosure would be injurious to the public service.

His Lordship agreed for the reasons stated by Lord Reid in *Conway v Rimmer* (at p 952). In his Lordship's view consideration of the report and discussion of steps contemplated and open to the government as a result of the report, constituted matters of high policy with possible economic, political and international repercussions.

The court had to consider the danger of non-disclosure. The more serious the accusations the more likely it was that disclosure would be appropriate. The Secretary of State was accused of acting unfairly, partially, unjudicially, arbitrarily, with knowledge that the orders were invalid or recklessly not caring whether they were invalid. The particulars of those accusations were that the Secretary of State consulted the Department of Health, that he failed to consult Roche or to read the report with the same indignation as Roche. That consultation and those failures were admitted, although the descriptions of the minister's conduct were repudiated. Therefore, despite the fact that abuse of the minister's conduct was pitched—rightly for all his Lordship knew—as high as possible short of fraud and despite the threat of possible amendment to the statement of claim, his Lordship saw no reason why the department's document should be disclosed, and cogent reasons why they should not.

Having regard to the views his Lordship had formed about the documents, he had not read them. Mr Yorke had urged that since the documents were admitted to be relevant his Lordship should have studied them before deciding. But relevance was a matter of degree and many a document sufficiently relevant to appear on discovery played no part in the litigation. It was sufficient for his Lordship's purpose that, without inspecting the documents, he was satisfied that they were not essential and probably not important to Roche's case and that there were good reasons for non-disclosure.

It would be undesirable for his Lordship to study the internal documents of the commission and the two ministries, and it would be highly dangerous to disclose some documents and not others and the arguments against disclosure of them all were overwhelming.

His Lordship proceeded to consider the applications by the commission and the department for further discovery of documents in Roche's possession and for further particulars of the allegations in their statement of claim.

His Lordship concluded by saying that generally in the light of the statement of claim, which comprised 86 paragraphs, and in the light of the argument, which occupied some six days, he hoped that the particulars which he had ordered would, when furnished, assist the parties and the court in distinguishing between propaganda for public consumption and the legal dispute which was confined to the procedure and fairness of the Secretary of State.

The result was that his Lordship dismissed Roche's application for disclosure, allowed the defendants' application for discovery so far as they were still subject to dispute except under paragraphs 68 and 71, and allowed the defendants' applications for particulars so far as they were still the subject of dispute except under paragraph 48.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Hearing not nullified by bailiff's mistake

Westminster City Council v Chapman and persons unknown
Before *Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick*
[Judgments delivered April 17]

A county court bailiff's failure to comply strictly with the new rules for serving short notice of intended eviction proceedings on unidentified squatters was held by a majority of the Court of Appeal not to nullify the proceedings because all the squatters concerned had in fact read the notice irregularly served in time to attend the trial.

The new rules, both in the county court and in the High Court, require the notice to be affixed to the main door or other conspicuous part of the premises. The bailiff put the document in an envelope and dropped it through the letter box.

The court, Sir John Pennycuick dissenting, dismissed an appeal by Mr Barry Norton, one of seven occupants of a house in Edbrooke Road, Maida Hill, London, from the order of Judge Frank White at Bloomsbury and Marylebone County Court granting possession of the premises to Westminster City Council.

Mr Barry Norton in person; Mr Barry Green for the council.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that squatters had gone into the house, which the council held for putting in homeless people. The council had taken steps to evict them under the county court summary procedure. To identify them, the council's senior housing assistant had twice gone to the house and met some of the occupants. They would not give their names; but he found one name, Mr Peter Chapman, who had applied for electricity. So the council took out a summons against him and persons unknown.

Order 26 rule 3(2) of the County Court Rules said that where the applicant had not identified every person in occupation of the land, "the originating application shall, in addition to being served on any identified respondents . . . be served by affixing a copy of it, together with a notice in Form 26, on the main door or other conspicuous part of the premises, unless the court directs service in some other manner".

The bailiff did not comply with that direction. Instead, he put the application in an envelope with the words "Peter Chapman and other persons unknown" on it and put it through the letter box. Two or three days later, as the evidence showed, the persons who were in the house picked up the envelope and read the application. They all turned up at the county court.

One of them, Mr Melville Churchill, took the point whether there had been proper service because the application had not been put on the main door.

The judge was satisfied that as all seven knew of the proceedings from the papers themselves within two or three days of their being taken to the premises they had physically come to the notice of the seven well before the seven clear days minimum notice which the rules required; he said that that was sufficient since the object of the rule was to ensure that documents should be displayed in a sufficiently prominent position to come to the attention of all occupiers who might be affected by any order the court might make.

It was clear that the service was not in accordance with the requirements of the rule because it was not affixed to the main door or other conspicuous part of the premises. But that seemed to his Lordship an irregularity and not a failure which made the whole thing a nullity. Under Order 2 rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which applied also to the county court and the new rules, a failure to comply with the requirements of the rules, "whether in respect of time, place, manner, form or content or in any other respect" was to be treated as an irregularity and "shall not nullify the proceedings . . .". In the present case, where everyone did get to know of the application and did in fact turn up at the county court, the failure to put the summons on the main door was an irregularity of service but did not nullify the proceedings. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Browne agreed on the facts of the present case.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK regretted that he could not agree. Order 113 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and Order 26 of the County Court Rules introduced a special procedure under which an application to obtain possession of property against squatters might be brought at very short notice and, moreover, under which unidentified persons could be served by a specific method. That was prescribed by rule 3(2) of Order 26 and there were corresponding provisions in Order 113 rule 4(2) in the High Court.

Those subrules were in terms mandatory. Though his Lordship agreed that failure to effect service in the prescribed manner was an irregularity which the court had power to waive under Order 2 rule 1, provided notice of the proceedings had come to the knowledge of the persons concerned—as it undoubtedly had in the present case—he did not think that it was an irregularity which ought to be waived. The court was concerned with a special procedure of wide general application; and it seemed better that the procedure should be followed according to the mandatory terms of the rule in all cases. Once one departed from the strict application a number of difficulties of proof might arise in other cases, and there was also the possibility of abuse.

The point in its present form was not covered by any authority. His Lordship would observe only that his interpretation should not be taken as against the landlord or in favour of a tenant. It was simply an interpretation according to the terms of the rules.

The court ordered possession in seven days. No costs were asked for.

Solicitors: Mr E. Woolf.

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THE TIMES

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The agreement is not to the full satisfaction of Delhi because the barrage has the capacity to divert 40,000 cusecs of water.

Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Indian Cabinet Minister who signed the agreement, said on his return from Dacca, that the settlement was an example for other countries to follow. He thanked Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, the Bangladesh leader for having made the accord possible.

The Farakka barrage has been a matter of dispute for more than a decade. India first vainly discussed the project with Pakistan and later with Bangladesh.

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SPORT
Football

Chelsea call in boy for man-sized job of keeping bailiffs away

By Norman Fox

The single saving grace of this Football League season of fallen standards has been the widespread and enduring involvement of so many teams in the uncertainties of the championship title and in relegation. On this last but one Saturday of term, more than half of the 10 first division matches have some direct bearing on the winning of the title or the plunge into the second division.

From the soul destroying defensiveness of Cyprus trying to fence themselves in against England on Wednesday, we turn to a day when attack must be the password. Derby, Liverpool, Everton and Ipswich all have the championship within reach, with Derby holding the advantage of a two point lead, but it is in the basement of the division that the day's excitement will be at its most intense, namely in the crucial meeting between Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea at White Hart Lane. The present positions are:

Top

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	40	21	9	10	67	49	51
Liverpool	40	19	11	10	57	37	49
Everton	40	16	17	7	53	38	49
Ipswich Town	39	22	4	13	60	40	48
Stoke City	40	17	13	10	64	48	47

Bottom

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham C	39	13	8	18	50	56	34
Chelsea	39	9	13	17	40	68	31
Tottenham H	39	11	8	20	46	60	30
Luton Town	40	10	10	20	43	63	30
Carlisle	40	11	4	25	42	59	26

Wilkins: club captain at 18.

Chelsea, their rebuilt stadium designed for a life of luxury, are gambling with their whole future. Having appointed Eddie McCreadie as manager only this week, they have discovered that the new "boss" is a man who quickly keeps promises. He has appointed 18-year-old Wilkins as club captain to lead the team in a match that could decide whether London loses Chelsea or Spurs to the second division. On his appointment Mr McCreadie promised a "policy of youth" but few would have predicted such a literal and early employment of his ideals.

Wilkins has only just returned from a four match suspension, but Mr McCreadie is confident that the youngster can take over from Hollins to keep the bailiffs from Stamford Bridge. He said last night: "Wilkins will be the future captain of this club. He captained the reserves on several occasions when I played with them and he is a very capable young man. He has the quality of leadership. He is well respected." Mr McCreadie's gamble extends beyond replacing Hollins. He includes 18-year-old Maybank, for his first appearance and yet another teenager. Sparrow, is recalled. Cooke, Hinton, Houseman and Kember are swept aside in the revolution.

Defeat for either side would not mean automatic relegation as both will still have two more matches to play, but for Tottenham the loss of two points would be perilous. This week many of the players have been suffering from colds and yesterday the manager, Terry Neill, would go no further than announce 15 names including Chivers.

The possibility of both London clubs leaving the top flight could be relieved if Luton Town lose to Birmingham City. After wins over Everton and Leicester, Luton are still refusing to accept relegation and, on recent form, are too good to return to the comparative obscurity of the second division.

Of the four main contenders for the championship, only Everton (v Sheffield United) are at home. Derby, the favourites, have the comforting knowledge that, if they beat Leicester at Filbert Street, they have an easy last game against Carlisle in which to secure the title. The danger comes today, because Leicester are capable of producing surprisingly good bursts of attractive football despite their lowly position.

Ipswich have sometimes lost their way on crucial occasions and needing to beat Leeds at Elland Road is another severe test of their stamina. If Viljoen has to miss the game because of injury, the effect of Johnson's return to the forward line will be reduced. But, in Ipswich's favour, Leeds have to play this repeat of the FA Cup series without Frank Gray, Stewart, Clarke and McKenzie.

Middlesbrough's manager, Jack Charlton, promises Liverpool a tough game because, as he says: "They are the only team who can record a first division double against us." Meanwhile, the other men of Merseyside, Everton, face Sheffield United without Lyons and Seargeant.

First division clubs will be pleased to see the return of Manchester United to their ranks. Today all United need is one point against Notts County to become champions. Despite the offensive

Millwall on brink

Millwall moved close to relegation from the second division last night when they lost 3-2 at Southampton. Oldham need only one point from their two remaining matches to send Millwall into the third division.

Yesterday's results

SECOND DIVISION: Southampton 3, Millwall 2.
THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere Rovers 2, Southend United 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport County 1, Northampton Town 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barton 1, Dover 1.
RUGBY UNION: Camborne 10, Ebbw Vale 16.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Whitehaven 7, Hull Kingston Rovers 15.

French racing

Easy Regent can return to best form at Longchamp

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 18

Easy Regent, who suffered his first defeat when beaten a short neck by Top Gear in the Prix Lagrange last month, should return to winning form in the Prix Daru at Longchamp on Sunday. Top Gear went on to run in a close third, after meeting much interference, to Mariacci in the Prix Greffulhe. Mittainvilliers and Good Point, third and fifth in the Lagrange, also ran well in the Greffulhe, finishing fifth and second of 17 respectively, and Goldos, who divided them at Maisons-Laffitte, won at Longchamp last Sunday.

Sunday's race is worth four times as much, but Easy Regent will meet no stronger opposition. The best of his rivals should be Vicam, who may be ridden by Lester Piggott rather than Philippe Paquet, Nelfor, Parako, Sanctum and Orante. Vicam, on whom Piggott scored a narrow but comfortable win at St Cloud 13 days ago, finished second to Easy Regent at Longchamp in October and may occupy the same position again.

Of the others Parako and Sanctum won consecutive races at the opening Longchamp meeting two weeks ago. The official time for the Prix de Ferrieres would suggest that Parako put up an exceptional performance. If it is to be believed, he ran the 10 furlongs 17sec faster than Sanctum and Mariacci took in their respective races over a further 110 yards. However, nothing in the way the race was run indicated that it was anything out of the ordinary. In winning the Prix Juigne for unraced colts, Sanctum finished a neck and one length in front of Orante.

PRIX DARU (Group II: 3-y-o colts and fillies: £19,200: 1m 2½f)
21-1 Vicam (Mrs M. F. Berger), F. Boutin, 9-2 .... P. Paquet
-1 Sanctum (Comtesse de Lagarde), N. Pelat, 9-2 .... J. Dupin
330-1 Loiroio (Sir E. Littler), P. Lallie, 9-2 .... J. P. Lefevre
120-00 Levy (Sir R. McAlpine), P. Head, 9-2 .... A. Lequeux
11-2 Easy Regent (Mrs P. de Moussac), G. Delloye, 9-2 .... W. Pyers
02-1 Parako (Count G. D'Ornano), G. Bridgland, 9-2 .... P. Alain
3-3 Last Refrain (R. Sculy), J. Fellows, 9-2 .... G. Rivases
-3 Orante (J. Wertheimer), A. Head, 9-2 .... F. Head
0311- Nelfor (L. E. Wolfson), J. Cunnington jun, 9-2 .... M. Philipperon
Forecast: 9-4 Easy Regent, 4-1 Sanctum, Vicam, 6-1 Orante, Parako, 8-1 Nelfor, 16-1 Loiroio, 25-1 Last Refrain, 50-1 Levy.
Selection: Easy Regent.

Thirsk results

2.0 (2.12) KNAYTON STAKES (2-y-o: £404: 5f)
Eagle Bar, gr c, by My Swanee—Lady Perch (D. Craik), 8-11 A. Cousins (7-4) 1
Impennent, ch c, by Laser Light—Golden Lynne (L. Taboas), 8-11 A. Tippling (35-1) 2
Pinnacle, b c, by Manacle—Miss Pippin (J. Vickers), 8-11 G. Oldroyd (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: evens fav Scott Jason, 8-1 My Mandolin, 20-1 Risente, Stewart Lindsay, Bryton, 25-1 Chanda (4th), Knight of Barter, Pall Tavi, Kirkwan Lady. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 17p, £3.09, 47p. K. Payne, at Middleham. 1½l, 5l. Town Tipp did not run.

2.30 (2.37) SOWERBY PLATE (3-y-o: £545: 1m 4f)
Happy Heart, b c, by Hopeful Venture—Daylight (D. Robinson), 9-0 .... B. Raymond (10-1) 1
Mister Tack, b c, by Right Tack—Tryphena (J. Brown), 9-0 G. Baxter (13-1) 2
Philip Green, b c, by Space King—This and That (W. Stoker), 9-0 E. Apter (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Jump Jet, 8-1 Turasco, 7-1 Seaport, 8-1 Windsor Light, 12-1 Stand In, Hemingway (4th), 20-1 Congenial, Dunky, Porto Rico, Roheria, Mystic Ralo, Sally Lime, Willow Warbler. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.09; places, 37p, £2.38, 23p. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. Nk, 1½l.

3.0 (3.2) BIRDFORTH STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £615: 1m)
Incensed, ch c, by Frankincense—Fury Romance (P. Asquith), 7-1 K. Lewis (9-1) 1
Double Nap, b c, by Double Jump—Persian Poem (R. Spencer), 8-8 .... E. Hide (5-1) 2
Fighting Brave, b c, by Huntercombe—Alemena (V. Hamill), 8-6 .... E. Eldin (11-10 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Lily Augusta, 6-1 Petite Sourie, 7-1 Gran Torino (4th), 10-1 Cool Hand Luke, 16-1 Clintwood. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 18p, 18p, 11p. Dual forecast: £5.62. L Shedden, at Wetherby. ¾l, 1½l.

3.30 (3.31) JUVENILE MAIDEN SALES PLATE (2-y-o: £548: 5f)
Another Native, b f, by Native Prince—Another Flutter (S. Keakes), 7-10 L. C. Parkes (5-2) 1
Singapore Fling, ch c, by Caruso—Triarder (N. Benn), 8-1 A. Cousins (9-4 fav) 2
Armidale, b c, by Sing Sing—Australe (J. Spriggs), 7-11 T. Walsh (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Senator Sam, 9-1 Solaire, Wicken Folly, 11-1 Jukes Walk (4th), 12-1 Hilliana, Huntercombe Lad, Streak Lightning, 20-1 Palmirinni, Nella Beauty, Adam's Beauty, Avocado, Nighttime Glory, Daves Equal, Thornton Bay, Timjay, Evedor (u r). 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 17p, 19p, 25p. F. Carr, at Malton. Nk, sh hd. Lucky Kim did not run.

4.00 (4.3) BRITON APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£572: 1m)
My Story, b g, by Sweet Story—Langton Girl (R. Cartwright), 4-7-10 .... J. B. Moore (7-1) 1
Quick Thinking, b f, by Will Somers—Fast Act (W. Bickerstaff), 4-8-0 .... P. McGoldrick (5-1 fav) 2
Ezra, gr c, by Pongee—Lucy Jinks (J. Winter), 4-8-2 M. Birch (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Chivas Regal (4th), 11-2 Brother Somers, 8-1 Gold Coin, Royal Cadet, 12-1 Woeny Bonner. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 20p, 17p, 17p; dual forecast, £2.55. B. Carr, at Thirsk. ½l, 8l. Cinder Track was withdrawn and did not come under starter's orders. Rule 4 does not apply. Price 20-1 at withdrawal.

4.30 (4.32) HAMBLETON PLATE (3-y-o: £545: 6f)
Astronomical, br c, by Highland Melody—Orange Sensation (Mrs A. Sutton), 8-10 J. Lowe (5-1 fav) 1
Rubyder, b c, by Baldar—Margaret's Ruby (A. Sniper), 8-10 M. Birch (7-2) 2
Misty Music, ch c, by Tudor Music—Love in the Mist (D. Robinson) 8-10 .. B. Raymond (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gulliver Lad, 9-1 Boscobel, 10-1 Katie Louise, 11-1 Basalt, 12-1 Top Portion, 14-1 Saintly Spire, 16-1 Goldmine, 20-1 Africa Star, French Master, Moshonas, Red Colorado, Sandgate, Cessy (4th), Confidant Girl. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 14p, 14p, 24p. J. W. Watts, at Richmond. 2l, 5l. St Gay did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Incensed, My Story, £275.85. TREBLE: Happy Heart, Another Native, Astronomical £35.65.

Racing

Grundy should make no mistake

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The Greenham Stakes, which has been sponsored yet again by the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society at Newbury today, heralds the reappearance of Grundy from his winter quarters. We have already seen one of the winter favourites for the Guineas toppled this week when the filly Cry of Truth failed to live up to her reputation at Newmarket on Thursday. That was disappointing but I expect no such debacle this afternoon when Grundy should begin his season where he left off last autumn on a winning note.

Earlier this week Lester Piggott said that he thought he would win the Greenham on Mark Anthony if Grundy were to run at Thirsk instead. But he does not, and Piggott is a sufficiently good judge of both horse and form to realize that even an ultra-fit Mark Anthony faces an uphill struggle this afternoon against Grundy.

I saw Grundy out at exercise yesterday morning. He looked a picture of health and fitness as he was relaxing, having worked well the day before, and he is my selection. Grundy was not beaten as a two-year-old. His victories at Doncaster in September and at Newmarket in October showed just how adaptable and versatile he is. Those races were as different as chalk from cheese; also the going was good one day and soft the other.

When he won the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket Grundy ran clean away from the Gimcrack and Middle Park Stakes winner, Steel Heart, who was rated 10 lb better than Mark Anthony in the Irish Free Handicap. Today Grundy and Mark Anthony will carry the same weight. Mark Anthony joined Clive Brittain's stable after Captain Marcos Lemos had paid 52,000 guineas for him at Newmarket in December.

All Friends was also trained in Ireland last year. He is now in the care of Nicky Vigors, having been bought by his Spanish owner R. Mendoza during the winter. All Friends won four races last year but was given 5 lb less than Mark Anthony in the Irish Free Handicap. That, incidentally, is their weight difference this afternoon.

All Friends worked with Grundy earlier this week but was no match for him.

Jumping Hill finished six and a half lengths behind Grundy at Ascot last July when both were having their first race. Hillandale, Creetown and Town Farm have all had a race already and that should stand them in good stead. Hillandale won the Classic Trial at Kempton, where he revelled in the soft ground. No one ought to be surprised if he runs well this afternoon, but it is difficult to visualize him beating the favourite. Creetown was also successful at Kempton, where he was ridden by Piggott, but it is significant, I feel, that Piggott has deserted him today.

In any case Creetown looks a sprinter, which is hardly surprising considering that he is by a sprinter, Tower Walk, and out of a mare by Le Lavandou, a fast influence. Town Farm was beaten 12 lengths by Dominion at Kempton. Highest, Dick Hern's runner, is by Crepello and out of that excellent race mare Highest Hopes, who was a real mudlark.

Highest finished fourth behind May Hill at Ascot in October but his stable has yet to find its usual rhythm. The only other runner, Great Ball, was a useful two-year-old without being good.

Carnauba, the Italian filly with an American origin, earned herself a tilt at our 1,000 Guineas in just under a formight when she won the Fred Darling Stakes by three lengths at Newbury yesterday.

Carnauba will never be fitter than she was yesterday. She looked conspicuously hard and bright in the paddock as well she might, having had two races already this season, whereas the runner-up, the comparatively inexperienced May Hill, has still to shed her winter coat. May Hill came from an improbable position to take second prize. George Doleuze, Carnauba's jockey, remarked later that the race was "pas de problem". That was fair comment. She won well, indeed she was always in command, but I would still not back her to beat Rose Bowl at Newmarket. Nevertheless, in view of this performance her price for the first classic has been trimmed to 8-1 by Hills, to 10-1 by Ladbroke's but to 12-1 by Mecca.

Some were inclined to read the Oaks into May Hill's performance. You may remember that her dam Mable finished second in that classic. But one look at her daughter's forelegs is enough to suggest that she may never be at ease racing on firm ground. Her two good races, indeed her only races to date, have been on soft ground. Her trainer and her owner begged for time in which to be allowed to make up their mind whether to let her take her chance in the 1,000 Guineas.

STATE OF GOING (official): Newbury: Straight course, soft; round course, heavy except for last mile (soft). Ayr: Flat course, good to soft, hurdles course, good, steeplechase course, good to firm. Thirsk: Good to soft. Bangor on Dee: Soft. Huntingdon: Heavy. Brighton (Monday): Soft. Edinburgh (Monday): Good. Nottingham (Monday): Heavy (inspection Sunday if further rain).

Corby ought to stretch rivals in Thirsk trial

By Michael Seely

There are few more pleasant places to spend an afternoon than Thirsk on a warm spring day. This afternoon the Yellow Pages Classic Trial has a competitive appearance. Corby is Peter Walwyn's selected runner for it.

The son of Round Table was lightly raced as a two-year-old, when his form seemed a little below top class. This was because he demonstrated an inability to quicken, and it was only when he was allowed to stride along in front that the colt showed his real potential. In the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury in the autumn he made every yard of the running. His long, raking stride was seen to full advantage when he ran out a decisive winner from Tranos. Previously, Corby had been beaten half a length by Escapologist at Lingfield Park, and Escapologist was perhaps a shade unlucky to lose the Tote Free Handicap on Wednesday.

Barry Hills saddles Royal Manacle. Royal Manacle, successful in four minor races before giving Steel Heart the fright of his life in the Middle Park Stakes, was a disappointing third when odds-on favourite on his reappearance in the 2,000 Guineas Trial at Kempton Park on Easter Monday, but will inevitably strip much fitter this afternoon.

While retaining the utmost respect for Royal Manacle and High Season, I am siding with Corby, who has apparently given his trainer every satisfaction in his preparation for this race. Although Thirsk is not exactly suited to the needs of a resolute galloper and stayer such as Corby, the tight circuit adapts itself readily to front running tactics, and I can envisage the three-year-old getting his rivals at full stretch this afternoon.

The steeplechasers are still very much with us. At Ayr Red Rum attempts to repeat his triumph of last year in the Scottish Grand National. Despite his gruelling race at Aintree, I had originally intended to go for the 10-year-old, but the rains have fallen again in Scotland, and the going has changed from good to good to soft. In these circumstances I cannot see Red Rum giving weight all round to such as Colebridge, The Benign Bishop, Junior Partner, Quick Reply and Moor Lad, who will be ridden for the first time by a professional jockey, Tommy Stack.

I am siding with The Benign Bishop, trained by Kenneth Oliver and ridden by Ron Barry.

Newbury programme

[*Television (BBC 1): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races*]

1.45 BUCKLEBURY MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £545: 7f)
101 Bold Decree (Capt F. Longton), N. Vigors, 8-11 .. P. Cook 11
102 Cadence (J. Whitney), J. Tree, 8-11 .... S. Raymond 7 3
103 Levante (E. Loder), T. Corbett, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 1
104 Lutine Belle (R. Francis), G. Harwood, 8-11 .. G. Starkey 2
107 Malmaiso (Mrs L. Bottomley), J. Dunlop, 8-11 R. Hutchinson 4
108 Petipat (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-11 .. L. Piggott 6
110 Richardia (J. Bloomfield), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 8-11 R. Baker 5 8
111 Sea Rose (Mrs G. Kerr), B. Cardy, 8-11 .. P. Waldron 6
113 Smiling (J. Whitney), J. Tree, 8-11 .... R. Elliott 10
115 Threne (P. Bull), B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 5
116 Torlonia (Lady Sefton), D. Smith, 8-11 .... N. Carter 7 7
5-2 Petipat, 7-2 Malmaison, 4-1 Threne, 11-2 Sea Rose, 8-1 Levante, 12-1 Lutine Belle, Torlonia, 14-1 others.

2.15 GREENHAM STAKES (3-y-o: £6,422: 7f)
201 1111- Grundy (D) (Dr C. Vittadini), P. Walwyn, 9-1 P. Eddery 1
202 2111d1- Mark Anthony (D) (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 9-1 L. Piggott 6
203 213121 All Friends (R. Mendoza), N. Vigors, 8-10 .... P. Cook 9
205 1-1-1 Creetown (V. Cooper), P. Nelson, 8-10 .... B. Taylor 7
207 0 13- Great Ball (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 8-10 .... W. Carson 4
210 4- Highest (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 8-10 .. J. Mercer 8
211 14012-1 Hillandale (D) (Mrs L. d'Ambrumenil), D. Keith, 8-10 G. Starkey 2
212 4- Jumping Hill (F. Poue jun), N. Murless, 8-10 .. G. Lewis 6
214 .2242-2 Town Farm (D. Byrne), R. Akehurst, 8-10 .. C. Williams 3
8-13 Grundy, 4-1 Mark Anthony, 8-1 Creetown, 12-1 Hillandale, 16-1 Highest, Jumping Hill, 20-1 All Friends, 25-1 others.

2.45 JOHN PORTER STAKES (£7,666: 1m 4f)
301 225111- Admetus (Sir M. Sobell), J. Cunnington, jun, 5-9-5 M. Philipperon 13
302 014341- Petty Officer (D) (Mrs J. Bensim), A. Budgett, 5-9-5 G. Lewis 12
303 003341- Realistic (C) (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 6-9-5 .. P. Eddery 10
304 031130- Ashmore (D) (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 4-9-1 Y. Saint-Martin 9
306 001130- Punch Up (D) (Mrs L. Lazarus), D. Morley, 5-9-0 A. Murray 6
307 12311- Shebeen (D) (Sir K. Butt), B. Hobbs, 4-8-13 G. Baxter 11
310 010010- Court Dancer (Mrs R. Strudwick), P. Cole, 4-8-10 R. Edmondson 4
311 102000- Live Arrow (D. Lars), W. Marshall, 4-8-10 .. B. Marshall 3
312 001341- Salado (D) (Mrs P. Isaacs), P. Mitchell, 4-8-10 W. Carson 2
313 30012-1 Beauvallon (D) (T. Wada), M. O'Brien, 4-8-6 L. Piggott 3
314 241123- Main Green (D) (C. Blackwell), J. Winter, 4-8-5 B. Taylor 5
315 001000- Val - Amour (J. Morley), D. Morley 4-8-5 .. P. Cook 7
316 001023- White Hart Lane (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4-8-5 M. Thomas 1
5-1 Beauvallon, 7-2 Admetus, 4-1 Ashmore, 6-1 Shebeen, 8-1 Petty Officer, 12-1 Salado, 16-1 Realistic, Punch Up, 20-1 others.

3.15 NEWBURY SPRING CUP (Handicap: £1,746: 1m)
401 010123- Long Row (CD) (Mrs F. Allen), R. Jarvis, 5-9-7 M. Thomas 4
402 021220- Deerslayer (Mrs J. Hanna), H. Cecil, 4-9-3 .. L. Piggott 6
403 313000- Old Lucky (D) (N. Hunt), B. van Cutsem, 5-9-4 W. Carson 7
406 211004- Charlie Bubbles (L. Sainer), P. Walwyn, 4-9-0 .. P. Eddery 15
408 40100-3 Idiot's Delight (D) (J. McDougald), I. Balding, 5-8-12 J. Mercer 2
409 101300- King Oedipus (D) (C. St George), B. Hills, 4-8-12 3
410 020102- Red Brigand (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 6-8-9 J. Matthias 5 10
411 010024- Court Clown (Major T. Adam), P. Nelson, 4-8-9 B. Taylor 9
412 400130- Acquaint (D) (Sir H. Ingram), P. Walwyn, 4-8-8 A. Murray 1
413 210411- Somersway (T. Parrington), W. Wightman, 6-8-7 D. Cullen 12
414 00103-0 Nearly New (W. Norton), B. Swift, 4-8-6 .... P. Cook 5
420 143200- Mahblessed (D) (R. Strudwick), P. Cole, 4-8-1 A. Cressy 5 11
421 030030- Maestro Please (Exors of late G. van der Ploeg), H. Price, 4-8-1 .... A. Bond 8
4-1 Deerslayer, 9-2 Idiot's Delight, 6-1 Charlie Bubbles, 8-1 Old Lucky, Court Clown, 10-1 Long Row, Somersway, 12-1 King Oedipus, Acquaint, 14-1 Nearly New, 16-1 others.

3.45 ST ANNE'S STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £591: 5f)
501 Apsara (A. Ezzaddine), R. Hannon, 8-11 .... P. Perkins 9
503 Captive Melody (F. Wicks), B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 14
504 Dame Clara (R. Hill), P. Cole, 8-11 ...... R. Edmondson 11
506 Fleur D'Amour (Capt E. Woollett), P. Cundell, 8-11 R. Middleton 1
M. Thomas 2
507 0 Flying Colours (Mrs J. Thomson), W. Wightman, 8-11
509 Heaven Knows (G. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 8-11 I. Jenkinson 5 3
510 Landed Lady (D. Wright), T. Corbett, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 10
511 Le Chat (Mrs S. Embiricos), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 12
513 Maidenform (J. Mullion), I. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 6
516 Positive Dream (A. Kat), W. Marshall, 8-11 B. Marshall 8
519 Reply Paid (Lady Clyden), P. Cundell, 8-11 .. B. Taylor 6
517 Rockelania (S. Mason), C. Miller, 8-11 ...... M. Kettle 7
518 Ship's Bell (A. Joy), B. Swift, 8-11 .... P. Cook 13
519 Sigh Baby (S. Hunt), R. Smyth, 8-11 .... T. Cain 4
7-2 Captive Melody, 9-2 Le Chat, 5-1 Maidenform, 11-2 Ship's Bell, 8-1 Flying Colours, 10-1 Landed Lady, 12-1 Reply Paid, Sigh Baby, 14-1 others.

4.15 COMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £698: 1m)
602 Adagio (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Wilson 10
604 Attymon Junction (Y. Kilkenny), P. Cole, 9-0 R. Edmondson 20
605 40- Bohemian (Lt-Col Sir J. Scott), D. Sasse, 9-0 A. Barclay 11
607 0- Bottom (J. Bowes-Lyon), J. Dunlop, 9-0 .... R. Hutchinson 5
609 2 Castaway (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 9-0 .... P. Cook 16
610 00- Comet Kohoutek (Mrs R. Francis), G. Harwood, 9-0 G. Starkey 12
611 0-0 Criterion (E. de Rothschild), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Eddery 22
612 Dred Scott (Mrs D. Hewitt), W. Hern, 9-0 .. B. Procter 25
613 00- Dunvegan (J. Lambton), J. Bethell, 9-0 .... D. Cullen 13
615 00- Humpty Dumpty (J. Thursby), J. Dunlop, 9-0 D. Gillespie 5 21
617 0- Never Second (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 9-0 .... B. Taylor 2
618 00- Over the Moon (Sir R. Cohen), G. Smyth, 9-0 P. Waldron 18
620 42- Rebec (Lt H. de Walden), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 8
623 Skippers Walk (T. Hammond), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 9-0 R. Baker 5 7
626 0- Tromso (Mrs L. Bowry), M. Francis, 9-0 .... A. Murray 4
628 00- Windmill Boy (Sir D. Vestey), W. Wightman, 9-0 M. Thomas 1
630 2- Alpine Niece (Exors of late Lt-Col J. Carline), P. Nelson, 8-11 C. Williams 14
632 0 Catspoint (J. Russell), R. Hannon, 8-11 ...... P. Perkins 18
633 3- Curtains (T. Egerton), W. Hern, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 6
634 00- Gracemount (H. Wills), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 17
636 Maplehurst (C. Cyzer), R. Smyth, 8-11 .. T. Cain 3 9
637 00- Miss Merida (Miss P. Major), H. Smyth, 8-11 A. Bond 5 19
507 0 Flying Colours (Mrs J. Thomson), W. Wightman, 8-11
638 00- Orchy (H. Wills), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... — 3
4-1 Rebec, 5-1 Castaway, Alpine Niece, 11-2 Curtains, 6-1 Criterion, 10-1 Bottom, Gracemount, 14-1 Bohemian, Never Second, 16-1 others.

Thirsk programme

[*Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races*]

1.30 CLIFTON STAKES (2-y-o: £432: 5f)
1 1 Doubtful Number (D) (R. Sangster), F. Carr, 9-1 .. D. Eldin 8
3 21 Long Drop (D) (D. Boresford), T. Fairhurst, 9-1 E. Johnson 5
8 Allez Allostock (Mrs M. Ainsworth), J. W. Watts, 8-11 J. Lowe 6
11 Blue Jet (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 8-11 .... B. Connorton 5
16 Mabruk (P. Edwards), S. Hall, 8-11 .... W. Bentley 1
19 0 Still Windy (C. Perks), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... T. Ives 1
25 Ubedizzy (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 8-11 .... — 10
26 Blessed Spring (G. Davis), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 T. Walsh 7 7
28 Elle Marine (Mrs Y. Elliot), H. Blackshaw, 8-8 .. A. Horrocks 12
29 Hot Belle (J. Edmonds), R. Edwards, 8-8 ...... J. Johnson 5 2
34 Right Beauty (T. Wilson), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 E. Hide 9
31 Swiftgal (Mrs F. Raper), A. Bacon, 8-8 ...... B. Raymond 11
5-4 Doubtful Number, 5-2 Long Drop, 6-1 Mabruk, 8-1 Still Windy, 12-1 Blue Jet, Blessed Spring, 14-1 Allez Allostock, 16-1 Ubedizzy, 20-1 others.

2.0 WILLIAM HILL TROPHY (Handicap: 3-y-o: £1,089: 6f)
3 121124- Red Beam (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-1 .... B. Raymond 3
4 431131- Handycuff (D) (Mrs L. Brotherton), L. Shedden, 8-12 M. Bray 7 6
5 143310- Running Jump (Mrs P. Ross), J. W. Watts, 8-12 .. J. Lowe 2
6 12121- Fretta (Mrs L. Brotherton), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 J. Buchanan 7 11
7 03210-1 Avahra (Mrs H. Attwood), P. Rohan, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 10
8 020-321 Lazenby (P. Long), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... L. Hide 3
12 341- Northern Fair (S. Yoshida), M. Stoute, 7-13 .... E. Johnson 4
13 013-3 Battlement (Mrs P. Darling), T. Darling, 7-9 .... G. Duffield 1
16 0140-0 Lush Gold (N. Westbrook), M. H. Easterby, 7-9 .... R. Fox 5 9
15 03400-0 Funny Boy (C) (J. Rodgers), S. Wainwright, 7-9 C. Eccleston 5
18 30144-0 Raffinrula (K. Boardman), S. Nesbitt, 7-6 .. S. Webster 5 7
7-2 Lazenby, 4-1 Northern Fair, 9-2 Avahra, 5-1 Red Beam, 6-1 Fretta, 7-1 Handycuff, 8-1 Running Jump, 14-1 others.

2.30 YELLOW PAGES CLASSIC TRIAL (3-y-o: £2,484: 1m)
2 1- Black Rhino (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 ...... B. Raymond 5
3 221- Corby (R. Hibbert), P. Walwyn, 9-0 .... F. Morby 4
4 62- Golden Aim (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 9-0 ...... P. Tulk 1
5 00-1 Halicas (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 9-0 ...... E. Eldin 6
9 1210- High Season (Mrs H. Phillips), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... F. Durr 2
12 11211-3 Royal Manacle (J. Ketteley), B. Hills, 9-0 .... E. Hide 8
13 10- Stamen (D) (Mrs F. Sieror), B. Hobbs, 9-0 ...... B. Jago 7
6-4 Royal Manacle, 100-30 Corby, 9-2 Halicas, 6-1 High Season, 15-2 Black Rhino, 10-1 Stamen.

3.0 SPRING MEETING HANDICAP (£613: 7f)
1 00211-1 Burwell (E. Brown), M. W. Easterby, 4-10-4 .... T. Walsh 7 12
2 211111- Shuffling (T. Corby), B. Lunness, 4-10-0 .... R. Fox 5 11
3 02030-4 Double River (CD) (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 5-9-7 .. B. Connorton 1
5 322353- Sindab (CD) (R. Speight), J. W. Watts, 4-8-0 .... E. Hide 7
8 303060- Humber Pilot (CD) (W. Hewitt), R. C. Ward, 4-8-8 E. Johnson 9
9 002030- Friendly Annie (Mrs A. Levitt), T. Darling, 5-8-7 .. G. Duffield 6
11 02014-4 Wot Av I Mist (D) (S. Bard), G. Harwood, 4-8-8 E. Eldin 10
12 123200- Court God (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 5-8-2 .. B. Raymond 13
13 1000-03 Peter Culter (Mrs E. Jackman), J. Mulhall, 5-8-0 S. Webster 5 4
15 03420-1 Keith's Fridge (G. Wilkinson), L. Collingwood, 5-7-12 R. Wernham 5 2
16 12000-0 Sounds Good (Miss K. Allan), Denys Smith, 5-7-9 L. Charnock 5 3
17 04021- Kelso Belle (E. Weymes), Weymes, 3-7-7 .... C. Eccleston 8
18 234201- Turkey Trot (W. Drake), S. Wainwright, 5-7-7 J. Whitworth 7 5
7-2 Shuffling, 9-2 Court God, 6-1 Sindab, Burwell, 8-1 Peter Culter, Double River, 10-1 Humber Pilot, 12-1 Wot Av I Mist, 14-1 Friendly Annie, 16-1 others.

3.30 APRIL HANDICAP (£901: 1m 4f)
1 000-020 Netherkelly (D) (J. Blyth), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-12 T. Ives 3
6 231220- Tom Noddy (D) (Mrs L. Brotherton), L. Shedden, 6-9-7 M. Bray 7 9
7 43232-2 Franc Flinders (T. Lucas), P. Rohan, 4-9-2 .. J. Seagrave 13
8 10003-1 Charivari (D) (J. Edmonds), R. Edwards, 5-9-0 I. Johnson 5 7
9 2040-42 Pablond (H. Keyl), M. H. Easterby, 4-8-13 .... M. Birch 6
10 203210- Mister Geoffrey (C) (P. Edwards), S. Hall, 5-8-13 E. Johnson 2
11 40034-3 Baggin Time (G. Baillie), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-7 B. Connorton 11
15 10224-0 Murton Crags (D) (W. Ashby), W. Haigh, 6-8-6 O. Gray 5 5
17 321130- Blighty (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-8-5 .... B. Raymond 1
20 1000- Fils Du Fer (W. Gams), P. Bailey, 4-8-2 .... R. Wernham 5 4
21 Hopton Ash (F. Lydall), W. Elsey, 8-8-0 .... E. Hide 12
24 01414-4 Salvo of Conkers (T. Johnson), J. Ormston, 4-7-13 G. Duffield 10
25 20200-0 French Warrior (Mrs M. Fletcher), L. Shedden, 5-7-12 C. Eccleston 8
3-1 Pablond, 9-2 Baggin Time, 6-1 Franc Flinders, Mister Geoffrey, 8-1 Blighty, Netherkelly, 10-1 Murton Crags, 12-1 Charivari, Tom Noddy, 16-1 others.

4.0 STRAITLACE MAIDEN STAKES (£430: 1m)
1 004004- Floreda (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 4-9-7 .... G. Moore 10
3 000- Right Idea (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 4-9-7 .... G. Duffield 6
4 302340- Aunt Jean (D. Wickett), J. Etherington, 3-8-1 .. L. Brown 12
6 Clearly (D. Davidson), J. W. Watts, 3-8-1 .... E. Hide 7
8 30 High Walk (F. Manstord), T. Fairhurst, 3-8-1 E. Johnson 1
9 0- La Carrageen (D. Aykroyd), W. Elsey, 3-8-1 .... T. Ives 3
10 0000- Misty Joanne (Mrs B. Hunt), V. Mitchell, 3-8-1 E. Apter 8
11 03-0 No Exit (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-8-1 .... P. Tulk 11
12 0-3 Purple Princess (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-1 B. Raymond 4
13 00- Queen of the South (D. Davidson), P. Walwyn, 3-8-1 F. Morby 5
14 40402- Refill (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 3-8-1 .... E. Eldin 4
15 0- Sally Downes (R. Sangster), H. Cecil, 3-8-1 ...... F. Durr 2
16 Try Rocking (F. Kent), A. Bacon, 3-8-1 .... B. Connorton 15
5-2 Queen of the South, 7-2 Refill, 9-2 Purple Princess, 5-1 Sally Downes, 7-1 No Exit, 8-1 High Walk, Clearly, 12-1 La Carrageen, 16-1 others.

Thirsk selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Long Drop. 2.0 Avahra. 2.30 CORBY is specially recommended. 3.0 Peter Culter. 3.30 Pablond. 4.0 Clearly.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Red Beam. 2.30 High Season. 3.0 Court God. 3.30 Blighty. 4.0 Purple Princess.

Ayr programme

[*Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races*]

1.45 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR HANDICAP (3-y-o: £757: 1¼m)
1 02100-0 Prebhas (F. Jeffery), G. P-Gordon, 9-7 .... D. Maitland 1
2 1002-23 Felstoun (J. Kariz), R. Mason, 9-2 .... J. Higgins 4
3 0133-0 Willie Ormond (J. Banks), N. Angus, 8-4 .. R. Hutchinson 3
5 31140-0 Sora Sera (C) (T. Corrie), W. Elsey, 8-2 ...... S. Salmon 2
6 10-2144 Gold Claim (D) (Mrs F. Browne), C. Bewicke, 7-13 J. Reid 5 5
7-4 Willie Ormond, 5-2 Felstoun, 7-2 Gold Claim, 6-1 Sora Sera, 10-1 Prebhas.

2.15 FUTURE CHAMPIONS STEEPLECHASE (£1,493: 2m)
1 212112 Broncho II (CD) (F. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 6-12-1 .. T. Stock
2 112114 Flashy Boy (D) (A. Watson), Watson, 7-12-1 .... T. Carberry
3 331311 Tom Morgan (J. Rolls), K. Oliver, 6-12-1 .... C. Tinkler
5 2143-01 Casbah (Lord Leverhulme), G. Owen, 8-11-7 .... J. Bourke
6 011112 Easby Abbey (D) (Mrs W. Blow), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-7 R. Barry
7 311122 Kentish Pride (D) (R. Muddle), N. Crump, 7-11-7 .... D. Atkins
2-1 Broncho II, 5-1 Flashy Boy, 9-2 Easby Abbey, 5-1 Tom Morgan, 7-1 Kentish Pride, 14-1 Casbah.

2.55 SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap Steeplechase: £8,107: 4m 120yd)
1 103142 Red Rum (CD) (N. Le Mare), D. McCain, 10-12-0 B. Fletcher
2 1-u200f Colebridge (Mrs P. Burrell), J. Dreaper 11-11-10 T. Carberry
3 112411 The Benign Bishop (C) (D. Oliver), K. Oliver, 8-11-8 R. Barry
4 00-1111 Quick Reply (CD) (W. Thyne), C. Bell, 10-10-7 .. Mr Lamb
5 441411 Traite De Paix (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 7-10-5 .... S. Taylor
6 0100pp Even Dawn (S. Wainwright), Wainwright, 8-9-13 G. Holmes
7 30012f Junior Partner (Mrs F. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 8-9-9 J. Burke
8 303121 Meridian II (C) (Capt H. Baillie), K. Oliver, 8-9-9 .. C. Tinkler
9 004243 Roman Holiday (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 11-9-7 J. Williams
10 22f030 Esban (CD) (Miss D. Squires), D. Nicholson, 11-9-7 J. Bourke
11 p320p4 Kildagin (T. Pilkington), D. Nicholson, 11-9-7 .. J. Suthern
12 u23000 Corrie Burn (Mrs G. Fairbairn), G. Fairbairn, 9-9-7 Mr Gray
13 spp00f Barona (W. Whitbread), R. Armytage, 9-9-7 .... P. Kelleway
14 1-122f Moor Lad (C) (W. Hutchison), Mrs H. Bradburne, 8-9-7 T. Stack
15 43-0004 Semigale (C) (Mrs C. St John), W. Crawford, 8-9-7 M. Barnes
16 233113 Rubstic (J. Douglas), C. Bell, 6-9-7 .... M. Blackshaw
17 0p31pp Saint Alf (J. L. Boakes), A. Davison, 11-9-7 .... Mr N. Tinkler
5-2 Red Rum, 11-2 The Benign Bishop, 6-1 Junior Partner, 8-1 Moor Lad, 9-1 Colebridge, 12-1 Meridian II, 13-1 Quick Reply, 16-1 Rubstic, 20-1 Roman Holiday, 25-1 Barona, Esban, Kildagin, 28-1 Traite De Paix, 40-1 others.

3.30 KIDSNEUK STAKES (2-y-o: £538: 5f)
1 April Lucky (P. Brown), C. Crossley, 9-0 .... J. Higgins
3 3 Carnies Music (D. Moore), Denys Smith, 9-0 ...... P. Kelleher 1
5 2 Doon Founded (G. Draper), G. Wallace, 9-0 .... A. McManus 2
9 3 King Willi (A. Picken), N. Angus, 9-0 ...... R. Hutchinson 3
15 2 Gold Cheb (T. Wilson), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 ...... J. Skilling 4
6-4 Gold Cheb, 9-4 Carnies Music, 3-1 King Willi, 12-1 April Lucky, 16-1 Doon Founded.

4.0 SNODGRASS STAKES (3-y-o: £524: 1m)
1 1 African Star (H. Joel), W. Elsey, 8-13 .... S. Salmon 5 5
3 0000-3 Bright Comet (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-9 ...... S. Perks 1
5 3-0 Escape Route (C. Picken), Denys Smith, 8-9 .... P. Kelleher 3
7 200000- Guisborough Grey (R. Mason), Mason, 8-9 .... J. Higgins 2
8 0020- Knaresboro (J. Hanson), Hanson, 8-9 .... E. Larkin
9 2433-0 Le Baudrier (B. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 8-9 .... J. Reid 5 6
4-6 African Star, 4-1 Bright Comet, 8-1 Escape Route, 10-1 Le Baudrier, 14-1 others.

4.30 SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE (£2,270: 2m)
1 f11117 Comedy of Errors (D) (E. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 8-12-0 K. White
4 23 Maximilian (B. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 6-11-4 .... J. King
5 222214 Skiddaw View (D) (J. Dixon), Dixon, 8-11-4 .... R. Barry
6 124110 Stay-Bell (D) (Sir H. Fraser), Mrs Chesmore, 6-11-1 R. Brogan
7 340000 Welton Lad (CD) (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 5-11-3 M. Barnes
2-9 Comedy of Errors, 8-1 Stay-Bell, 10-1 Maximilian, 14-1 Skiddaw View, 33-1 Welton Lad.

5.0 LADY ISLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £429: 3m 110yd)
2 2fu223 Pickwick (Mrs M. Green), W. Crawford, 6-11-5 .. Mr Tinkler 7
5 004430 Trump Card (Lord Leverhulme), G. Owen, 6-11-3 .. J. Bourke
6 02-pu21 Baylord (J. Fawcett), G. Richards, 8-11-2 .... R. Barry
7 0-00p1p Bella Bambino (G. MacDonald), D. Gandolfo, 8-11-1 K. White
8 0-00f44 Bar Rock (J. Hanson), Hanson, 7-10-13 .... J. Doyle
9 034121 Lucky Victory (T. Hutchinson), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-13 T. Stack
10 1-p0411 Luck (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby, 5-10-10 .... C. Tinkler
11 301333 Annfield (Mrs C. Frazier), F. Rimell, 6-10-2 .... J. Burke
13 04423f Prehistoric (D. Le Mare), D. McCain, 7-10-0 .... M. Blackshaw
11-4 Prehistoric, 7-2 Lucky Victory, 9-2 Baylord, 13-2 Luck, 8-1 Pickwick, 10-1 Annfield, Trump Card, 14-1 others.

By Our Racing Stafff
1.45 Sera Sera. 2.15 Easby Abbey. 2.55 The Benign Bishop. 3.30 Gold Cheb. 4.0 African Star. 4.30 Comedy of Errors. 5.0 Luck.

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Corespondent
1.45 Petipat. 2.15 GRUNDY is specially recommended. 2.45 Beauvallon. 3.15 Idiot's Delight. 3.45 Le Chat. 4.15 Rebec.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Petipat. 2.15 Jumping Hill. 2.45 Shebeen. 3.15 Deerslayer. 3.45 Landed Lady. 4.15 Castaway.

Bangor-on-Dee NH

2.15: 1, Border Rally (5-1 fav); 2, Even Break (10-1); 3, Prince Abu (33-1). 20 ran. Sally W, Reversal did not run.
2.45: 1, Parnassus (11-10 fav); 2, Mickley Seabright (7-4); 3, Just Jake (7-1). 7 ran.
3.15: 1, Dolben Lass (7-2 jt fav); 2, Noar and Far (5-1); 3, Rock Rose (7-2 jt fav). 12 ran. Ocean Rock did not run.
3.45: 1, Tommy Joe (5-2 fav); 2, Woodlands Girl (7-2); 3, Arctic John (33-1). 15 ran.
4.14: 1, Stand Clear (11-10 fav); 2, Eselle (11-2); 3, Rosrain (2-1). 6 ran.
4.45: 1, Dee Lane (33-1); 2, Tudor Flute (25-1); 3, Crocodile (7-1). 9 ran. Eastern American 2-1 fav. Travel scene did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: £3.20. Treble £91.30.

Bangor programme

2.15 HOVAH HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £272: 2m 92yds)
310 Great Freda, 11-10 .... Mr Williams 7
01 Lord Greystoke, 11-10 .... D. Goulding
0 Gun Donna, 11-0 B. Powell 5
Great Light, 11-0 S. Davenport
General Mite, 11-0 .... R. Crank
030 Goldhills Son 11-0 Mr Conte 7
10 Kerry B, 11-0 .... G. Small
000 King's Rhapsody, 11-0 .... J. Glover
0 Lucky Pal, 11-0 .... R. Davies
050 Maidenseros, 11-0 .... M. Warner
01 Polo Pom, 11-0 .... R. Pitman
07 Reproduction, 11-0 B. Jones 5
030 Stanway Lad, 11-0 .. R. Hyett
01 Thats Penny, 11-0 A. Harlhaan
Pretty Fast, 11-0 H. Evans 5
00 Robert de Holland, 11-0 R. Pitman
021 Saints Day, 11-0 H. Sayles 7
059 Samanza, 11-0 .. Mr Jenks 5
001 Silver Falcon, 11-0 H. Barry 7
00 Spartan Sandal, 11-0 R. Crank
020 Wildlife, 11-0 .... J. Nolan
5-2 Really Royal, 4-1 Saints Day, 11-2 Dr Hines, Petroleum, 7-1 Silver Falcon, 10-1 Robert de Holland, Go Baby Go, 12-1 Samanza, 20-1 others.

2.45 MARCHWELL CHASE (Handicap: £758: 3m 214 yds)
f-0 Minnie, 11-11-11 R. Pitman
102 Third Redeemer .... J. Glover
40u Sups Belle .... R. Brogan
Portcarron, 8-10-6 R. Davies
Snarant, 9-10-3 ....
214 Siver, 11-10-4 .... M. Salaman
Dad's Lad, 12-10-5 R. Crank
Gelignus, 6-10-2 .... C. Candy
Toll Mark Cross, 10-10-0 D. Cartwright
5-4 Third Redeemer, 11-10 Gelignus, 5-1 Snarant, 6-1 Dad's Lad, 8-1 Siver, 10-1 Portcarron, 14-1 Sups Belle. 16-1 others

3.15 SIR ALFRED McALPINE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,594: 2m 92yds)
012 Assembly Point, 10-11 J. Nolan
102 Cyrnos, 10-11 Mr Jackson 7
104 Desuny Hill, 10-11 D. Cartwright
021 Doodle Bug, 10-11 P. Pitrell
1 Great Guif, 10-11 D. Cumming
410 Jack De Lilo, 10-11 R. Hannon
010 Elbow, 10-11 .... R. Pitman
000 Linum, 10-11 .... V. Soane
172 Quintin, 10-11 .... J. Glover
001 Turner, 10-11 .... R. Davies
5-1 Assembly Point, 4-1 Jack de Lilo
Great Guif, 11-2 Doodle Bug, 10-1 Killary, 14-1 others

3.45 MAELOR CHASE (Handicap: £774: 2m 4f 81yds)
205 Glen Baby, 7-11-1 .... S. May
226 Mr Savin, 6-11-0 R. Pitman
004 Hard Cash, 7-10-10 Mr Jackson 7
000 Wraith, 7-10-8 .... R. Davies
015 Full Board, 7-10-5 .... —
011 Mr Pippens, 7-10-5 .... —
000 Gay Kennels, 8-10-0 R. Crank
Super Charger, 8-10-0 —
302 Tantina, 7-10-0 R. Champion 7
255 Aine, 5-10-0 .... H. Evans 5
300 Patent, 7-10-0 .... V. Soane
Wildflorn, 8-10-0 P. Dunnin 7
050 Gyp's Cloud, 8-10-0 J. Jenkins
0-2 Mr Savin, 5-1 Full Board, 5-1 Glen Baby, 7-1 Hard Cash, Super Charger, 10-1 Tantina, 20-1 others.

4.15 HOVAH HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £272: 2m 92yds)
000 Petroleum, 11-10 D. Evans 7
000 Really Royal, 11-10 D. Goulding
Billy Bonds, 11-0 D. Cartwright
050 Dr Hines, 11-0 .. B. Seaton
Gay Baron, 11-0 .. Mr Brown 7
Go Baby Go, 11-0 J. Glover
00 Just-A-Honey, 11-0
Ou Karandala, 11-0 Mr Brisburn 7
Mostly Music, 11-0 R. Canning 7

4.45 BETTISFIELD CHASE (Handicap: £476: 2m 180 yds)
021 Celtic View, 8-12-5 H. Barry 7
010 Wintergreen, 6-11-7 I. Moulton 7
1-0 March Rite, 6-10-13 P. Barton 5
2f3 Iradaree, 6-10-9 P. Keane 7
011 Mr Pippins, 5-10-8 Mr Carter 7
402 Pangeno, 10-10-0 .. R. Davies
3f0 Any Prince, 10-10-0 J. Glover
000 Mick's Worry, 9-10-0 R. Hyett
0-p Coulmony, 11-10-0 Mr Heasmore 7
f-0p Wantu, 7-10-0 .. A. Taylor 7
2-1 Celtic View, 7-2 Wintergreen, 4-1 March Rite, 6-1 Iradaree, Mr Pippins, 8-1 Pangeno, 10-1 Any Prince, 16-1 others.

5.15 HOVAH HURDLE (Div III: 4-y-o: £272: 2m 92yds)
002 Roc Imp, 11-10 T. Williams 7
Certainly John, 11-0 D. Goulding
0 Chavaria, 11-0 .... R. Crank
000 First Test, 11-0 .... P. Keane 7
0/0 Fillermirre, 11-0 .... R. Pitman
0 High and Low, 11-0 J. Glover
050 Hilton York, 11-0 B. Jones 5
00p Miss Forte, 11-0 A. Markham
0 My Christine, 11-0 A. Phillips 7
0/0 Peppermint, 11-0 ....
0/n Sarouk, 11-0 ...... P. Morris
002 Shark Bay, 11-0 .. C. Candy
5-2 Roc Imp, 3-1 Hilton York, 4-1 Shark Bay, 13-2 Peppermint, 8-1 Certainly John, 10-1 Chavaria, 12-1 Fillermirre, 20-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Huntingdon

2.30 HARRIER HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m 200yd)
101 My Sophia, 5-11-5 R. Mann 7
020 Spanish Tango, 4-11-3 Mr Brown 7
1/3 Say Something, 4-11-0 C. Read
000 Bolum Douglet, 5-10-13 D. Sunderland
000 Creevelea, 4-10-10 J. Marshall 3
000 High Wire, 4-10-10 S. Jobar
513 Jar Hide, 4-10-10 .... R. Bailey
004 Gala Sunrise, 4-10-9 R. Champion
000 Don Bernado, 6-10-7 Mr Butcliard 7
000 The Donstan, 6-10-5 G. McNally
000 Ovsurong, 6-10-4 Mr Oldham 7
0/0 Sobright, 5-10-0 .. A. Mawson
0-00 Trouble Ahead, 6-10-0 D. Briscoe
00r Last Attempt, 5-10-0 M. O'Shea 7
000 Zanye, 3-10-0 B. McNally 7
2-1 My Sophia, 3-1 Say Something, 7-2 Jarnide, 6-1 High Wire, 8-1 Don Bernardo, 12-1 Last Attempt, 20-1 others.

3.0 GORDON ARMS CHASE (£306: 2m 100yd)
112 Half-Holiday, 8-12-0 R. Champion
471 Lovely Lilling, 6-11-7 E. Davies
00r Arcticality, 6-11-0 P. Blacker
-pf2 Cleveland Bridge, 6-11-0 S. Holland
010 Cloudy Boy, 9-11-0 D. Sunderland
b2-p Fighting Boy, 7-11-0 Mr Bennion 7
424 Lavender Trousers, 7-11-0 R. Weaver
00u Nerak, 8-11-0 ...... S. Jobar
502 Tandala, 6-11-0 .... J. Francome
p01 Yellow Stone, 5-11-0 P. Kelly 7
6-4 Half Holiday, 4-1 Tandala, 9-2 Lovely Lilling, 6-1 Yellow Stone, 13-2 Lavender Trousers, 12-1 Cleveland Bridge, 20-1 others.

3.30 LORD PROTECTOR HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2½m)
303 Bungebah, 6-11-6 .. R. Davies
002 Shifting Gold, 6-11-6 W. Smith
240 Honest Lawyer, 11-11-6 —
211 Set Point, 7-11-3 .. G. Griffin
003 Moss Royal, 9-11-1 R. Dickin 5
00-p So Noble, 6-10-8 C. Jones 7
001 Markaraiah, 6-10-6 D. Sunderland
031 Fredon, 6-10-3 .. J. Francome
000 Hardivim, 5-10-0 G. Shoemark
11f Parkgate Inn, 7-10-0 S. Jobar
7-2 Shifting Gold, 9-2 Fredon, 5-1 Honest Lawyer, 6-1 Bungebah, 8-1 Moss Royal, Set Point, 10-1 Parkgate Inn, 12-1 Markaraiah, 16-1 others

4.0 WATNEY'S CHASE (Handicap: £1,313: 2½m)
112 Summerville, 9-11-8 A. Turnell
120 Sonny Somers, 15-11-3 J. Francome
200 Vultown, 10-10-11 J. Watkinson
3on Shawnigan, 11-10-0 .. S. Jobar
012 Irish Special, 10-10-0 S. Holland
4-5 Summerville, 11-4 Sonny Somers, 5-1 Vultown, 10-1 Irish Special, 13-1 Shawnigan.

4.30 FOX AND HOUNDS CHASE (£306: 3m 100yd)
144 King's Favourite, 8-12-9 Mr Wales 5
314 Playbill, 10-12-9 Mr Greenall 5
2-31 Just Looking, 10-12-5 Mr Castle 7
p01 Konorio, 7-12-5 Mr Madwar 7
0p-u Foggerty, 7-12-0 Mr Blackmore 7
2-30 Jimwyn, 9-12-0 .. Mr Wilson
13-0 Master Colin, 10-12-0 Mr Ialane 7
Noisy Boy, 7-12-0 Mr Clifton-Brown 7
400 Rodragusa, 12-12-0 Mr Thornley 7
f Sharman, 9-12-0 Mr Herdman 7
n Rainbows Edge, 5-11-7 Mr Stephens
6-4 King's Favourite, 3-1 Just Looking, 4-1 Playbill, 11-2 Konorio, 8-1 Jimwyn, 10-1 Master Colin, 16-1 others.

5.0 HALCYON HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m 200yd)
010 Prosecute, 4-11-3 .. C. Peck 7
013 Closed Circuit, 5-11-1 E. Davies
0 Chartist, 7-10-5 L. Walkinson
0-10 Gala King, 5-10-5 Mr Mason 7
001 Gay God, 5-10-5 .. G. Thorner
125 Lok Yee, 5-10-5 .. D. Briscoe
0/3 Bills Bounty, 5-10-1 Mr G. Jones 5
000 Romany Legend, 5-10-0 .. —
455 Hardinge Arms, 4-10-0 M. Gifford
n-np Langdon Beck, 5-10-0 G. McNally
010 Ray of Light, 6-10-0 R. Weaver
210 Noble Gesture, 5-10-0 ....
120 Peppercorn, 5-10-0 .. R. Griffin
004 Jimmy Lighter, 6-10-0 P. Blacker
000 *Parletto, 4-10-0 .... —
503 My Ribero, 4-10-0 M. O'Shea 7
0-f4 Fair View, 5-10-0 A. Webber
000 Legendary Isle, 4-10-0 .. —
3-1 Closed Circuit, 9-2 Prosecute, 6-1 Lok Yee, 7-1 Hardinge Arms, 10-1 My Ribero, Noble Gesture, 12-1 Ray of Light, Romany Legend, 16-1 others.

HUNTINGDON SELECTIONS: 2.30 Say Something. 3.0 Half-Holiday. 3.30 Bungebah. 4.0 Summerville. 4.30 King's Favourite. 5.0 Closed Circuit.

BANGOR SELECTIONS: 2.15 Lord Greystoke. 2.45 Gylinnus. 3.15 Assembly Point. 3.45 Glen Baby. 4.15 Go Baby Go. 4.45 Wintergreen. 5.15 High and Low.

Newbury results

2.0 (2.6) BECKHAMPTON STAKES (2-y-o: £634: 5f)
Tampa, b c, by Amber Rama—Callante (R. McCormack), 9-0 L. Piggott (5-2 fav) 1
Splendecho, br c, by John Splendid—Calocho (W. Sexton), 9-0 R. Marshall (10-1) 2
Atlantic Gipsy, ch c, by Sky Gipsy—Lucies (D. Pascoe), 9-0 R. Edmondson (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Tudor Monarch (4th), 7-1 Red Czar, Hunstanton, 8-1 Faille, 10-1 Breeze Wagon, 13-1 Japsilk, 14-1 Vairain, 16-1 Proper Toff, 20-1 Firestorm, Saucy Admiral, Bunbrosna, Czarominsky, Hightown Streak, Joyful Major, Park Walk, Royal's Green, Samatre. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 30p, 44p, 70p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 8l, 5l. India 10.96sec. Sylvia's Gift, did not run.

2.30 (2.34) SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £550: 1m 5f)
Dormitor, ch c, by Ragusa—Mountain Peak (J. Mullion), 8-9 J. Matthias (6-1) 1
Marchant, br c, by Beau Brummel—Island Greek (C. St George), 9-0 .... L. Piggott (8-1) 2
Athens Moss, b c, by Tudor Treasure—Belle of Athens (Major E. O'Kelly), 9-0 J. Mercer (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Rising Falcon, 10-1 Tidal Wave, 11-1 Divided, 12-1 Habitual, 14-1 Grand Chat (4th), Futland Palace, 20-1 Ca Marche, Coming Over, Calibre. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 24p, 38p, 50p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2½l, 5l. 2min 53.94sec.

3.0 (3.3) CHIEVELEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £628: 6f)
Murrmatch, b c, by Murryfield—Lohlastown Pilgrim (Major J. Rubin), 8-3 .. F. Durr (13-2) 1
Yellow Prince, b c, by Yellow God—Persian Lamb (A. Stevens), 8-7 .... P. Waldron (4-1 fav) 2
Court Lane, b c, by Mandamus—Jomake (L. Amen), 7-5 J. Reid (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 King of Troy, 5-1 Strictly Private (4th), 6-1 Penhill Point, 10-1 Le Vingt-Huit, Tribal Feast, 20-1 Starlon, Baby Blair. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 30p, 14p, 19p; dual forecast: £1.41. R. Hannon, at Marlborough. 1½l, 5l. 1min 17.95sec.

3.30 (3.34) FRED DARLING STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £5,058: 7f 60yd)
Carnauba, b f, by Noholme II—Carnival Queen (N. Hunt), 9-0 G. Doleuze (4-1 jt fav) 1
May Hill, b f, by Hill Clown—Mabel (G. Williams), 8-9 F. Morby (9-2) 2
Joking Apart, ch f by Jimmy Reppin—Strip (The Queen), 8-9 J. Mercer (4-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Foiled Again, 15-2 Uncasereno, 7-1 Another Princess, 12-1 Lady Rowley, 16-1 Garden Party (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 18p, 24p, 17p, dual forecast, £5.15. L. Turner, in Italy. 3l, 2½l. 1m 39.09sec.

4.0 (4.02) THATCHAM HANDICAP (£753: 2m)
Quiet, ch g, by Salvo—Night Appeal (R. Richmond-Watson), 4-8-11 G. Lewis (7-2) 1
Apple of My Eye, b m, by Silver Cloud—Mernian (Mrs I. Bellamy), 6-8-13 .. P. Eddery (9-1) 2
Seven the Quadrant, b h, by Javelot—Farandole II (J. Kendrick), 5-9-7 ...... A. Murray (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Lope (4th), 11-2 Super Trojan, 10-1 Red Reef, 12-1 L'Est Afrique, Hyde Park, 14-1 Vice Squad, 16-1 Woodland Reward. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 14p, 25p, 18p; dual forecast, £1, G. Smyth, at Lewes. 1l, 15l. 4min 05.07sec.

4.30 (4.32) STROUD GREEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,020: 1m)
Rio Alta, b c, by My Swanee—Alta-Vacta (Lord Weir), 8-10 A. Murray (11-4 fav) 1
Jacmol, br c, by Double Jump—Haiti (Lady Sefton), 7-13 T. McKeown (13-2) 2
Kirov, b c, by On Your Mark—Pavlova (P. Gallagher), 8-8 R. Marshall (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Miss Filbert, 13-2 Proud Pathan, 9-1 Persilla, Sergeant Bibo, 10-1 Hidden Talent, Wephen, 11-1 Arthur Lees, 12-1 Carabinier, 16-1 The Goldstone (4th), James Three. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, 19p, 81p. H. Price, at Findon. ¾l, 5l. 1min 52.89sec.

5.0 (5.06) SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £550: 1m 5f)
Parsifal, b c, by Derring Do—Sarsgrove (Duke of Devonshire), 9-0 .... W. Carson (9-2) 1
Alweston, b c, by Alcide—Molly Hawk (S. Digby), 9-0 L. Piggott (100-30 jt fav) 2
Grinling Gibbons, br c, by Bandad—Angel Falls (A. Bodie), 9-0 G. Starkey (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav White Wonder, 6-1 Riborio, 15-2 Derry Town, 8-1 Hill Station (4th), 20-1 Pueblo, Baytown, Camina, Magic Love, Orchid. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 14p, 21p, 40p. B. Van Cutsem, at Newmarket. 2½l, 6l. 2min 43.36sec. Mount Irvine did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Murrmatch, Quiet, £14.50; TREBLE: Dormitor, Carnauba, Rio Alta, £15.85.

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2.15 (2.16) RAVENSPARK HANDICAP (£600: 1m)
Pyromalion, b h, by Firestreak—Pygmalion (Mrs K. Phillip), 5-9-10 .... J. Seagrave (10-1) 1
Tragacanth, ch h, by Bluerov—Ma Poupee (M. Taylor), 5-7-13 T. Lappin (5-1) 2
Hillrol, b h, by Goldhill—Troika (W. Morton), 5-9-1 P. Kelleher (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Broomstone, 6-1 Free Girl, 8-1 Martello Park, Rocky Bill, 20-1 Double Saute (4th), Grand Attraction, Perfect Sparkle. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.40; places, 51p; dual forecast, £4.40. C. Bell, at Hawick. ¾l, 1½l. 1min 31.60sec.

3.45 (2.48) TORRANYARD HURDLE (4-y-o: £459: 2m)
Asset, b c, by Birdbrook or Acer—Chantel Gold (J. McGhie), 10-11 R. Barry (9-4 fav) 1
Culberge, b c, by Faberge II—Mia Culpa (G. Wilkinson), 11-4 A. Dickman (8-1) 2
The Urchin, br g, by Crozier—Irish Challenge (R. Thomas), 10-11 C. Tinkler (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Current Gold, 13-2 Paint Job, 8-1 Bosphorus Queen, Ash (4th), 14-1 Cool Imp, 20-1 Bag Galore, Buckmanol, Clifton House. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 20p, 22p, 65p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 2½l, 5l.

3.15 (3.17) REDBURN HANDICAP HURDLE (£586: 2½m)
The Last Light, ch g, by Rubor—Joyful Light (J. Dixon), 6-11-1 Mr W. Hetherington (12-1) 1
Silver Teal, br f, by Meldrum—March Poulet (G. Kirk), 4-10-4 Mr N. Tinkler (6-1) 2
Old Stephen, br g, by Master Owen—Old Fashioned (J. Walby), 6-9-7 .... R. Collins (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Spanish Lacquer, 6-1 Scorton Boy, 7-1 Gancello (4th), 10-1 Lochar Moss, 12-1 Mourne View, Lothian Countess, Kirwaugh, 14-1 Cool Angel, Gibnard, 16-1 Follow Through, 20-1 Harsh Noble, Barrio (p), Segrev (f), Slipperette. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, £7.04; places, £1.31, 18p, 18p, 15p. J. Dixon, at Carlisle. ¾l, 2½l. Current Gold did not run.

3.45 (3.45) GARNOCK HANDICAP (£815: 5f)
Westgate Boy, ch h, by Weepers Boy—Valentina Rose (G. Blom), 7-9-1 .... O. Gray (13-2) 1
Flyer, b h, by Skymaster—Claree (A. Rodger), 5-8-2 S. Perks (14-1) 2
My Chopin, ch c, by Manacle—Chopiniana (J. Winter), 4-9-11 E. Johnson (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Downstream, 6-1 Dermir Bire, 10-1 Kernal Rose, 12-1 Darling Bob (4th), Royal Track. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 36p, 31p, 20p; dual forecast, £5.66. E. Collingwood, at Middleham. 3l, 5l. 1m 5.45sec.

4.15 (4.17) LADYKIRK STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £474: 6f)
St Gay, ch f, by St Chad—Gay Gadabout (Miss D. Dalzell), 8-2 O. Gray (7-1) 1
Burriana, ch f, by Kalydon—Island Women (R. Wesit), 8-7 J. Seagrave (8-11) 2
Coaster, ch f, by Right Tack—Colliers (J. Brown), 8-7 R. Hutchinson (13-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Come North, 7-1 Simply Heavenly (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 61p; forecast, £1.2. J. Cousins, at Carnforth. 5l, 3l. 1m 15.00sec.

4.45 (4.46) GREENAN STAKES (3-y-o: £526: 1m 5f)
Snow Tribe, b f, by Great Nephew—Cold Storage (N. Hetherington), 8-6 .... S. Salmon (6-1) 1
Rodado, ch c, by Crepello—Rosario (Lord Howard de Walden), 9-0 S. Perks (3-1) 2
Levandia, b f, by Le Levanstell—Armandia (Dr G. Vittadini), 8-11 D. Maitland (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Frank the Yank, 11-1 Florida King, 12-1 Mark Rand, 14-1 Le Grand, Wooings, 16-1 Alright Jack, 33-1 Bill Gowran, Corner Queen, Michelle. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win ... places ... 19p ... 3l, 4l. 3min 32.77sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: ... TREBLE: Asset, Westgate Boy, Snow Tribe. £153.70.

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rrow's quadrangular inter- at Lansdowne Road—Ire- d Scotland against England ales—rings down the cur- the centenary celebrations Irish Rugby Football It may also mark the last nce at international level e John McBride and Ken r. However unlucky Ireland catch Wales in red hot st month, the defeat they in Cardiff was of such ns that the older heads seem sure at last to roll. Another of these venerable heads belongs to Ray McLoughlin, who is not playing tomorrow. The coach, Sydney Millar, has decided to retire after three years in charge. So tomorrow's affair seems likely to mark the end of an Irish era.

If the selectors of these teams have managed to leave out one or two very good players—notably Duckham, J. J. Williams and Phil Bennett—it has to be remembered that protocol on these occasions requires to be served. Ireland must provide eight players, including the captain, to Scotland's seven. Wales produced the captain of one of the teams when the last quadrangular match was played, at Murrayfield, so it is England's turn tomorrow.

It is a great piece of luck for Neil Bennett that the required ratio between one country and the other has enabled him to play with Edwards. It is an experience for which most young stand-off halves would give their eye teeth.

Perhaps the one safe prediction to make is that both sides will score a lot of points and there will not be much between them at the end. Perhaps the most interesting selections in the Ireland-Scotland combination are those of Gibson at stand-off and Irvine on the left wing. It was on the other flank that Irvine played in the last two internationals for the British Lions in South Africa.

Gibson for many years now has been generally rated the world's best centre three-quarter. In his Cambridge days, and just afterwards, he was rated in many people's books (and certainly in mine) as the best all-round stand-off as well. It will be a great pleasure to see him adorning his old position again.

Just as Neil Bennett must be looking forward to playing with Edwards, so Smith in the England-Wales team must be relishing the prospect of setting up the great man, Gerald Davies. Rollitt, who went five years without a single cap to add to those he won in 1969, must be feeling that everything comes again to him that waits.

The two teams look excitingly well matched, though England-Wales should be able to win a good deal of line-out ball through Mervyn Davies and Neary at the tail.

ay's teams for Lansdowne Road

nd/Scotland			England/Wales	
nsor (eland)	15	Full back	J. P. R. Williams (Wales)	15
race (eland)	14	Right wing	T. G. R. Davies (Wales)	14
cGeechan (otland)	13	Right centre	K. Smith (England)	13
Iilliken (eland)	12	Left centre	R. W. R. Gravell (Wales)	12
rvine (otland)	11	Left wing	A. J. Morley (England)	11
. Gibson (eland)	10	Stand-off	N. Bennett (England)	10
loney (eland)	9	Scrum half	G. O. Edwards (Wales)	9
achlan (otland)	1	Prop	F. E. Cotton (England)	1
ennedy (eland)	2	Hooker	R. W. Windsor (Wales)	2
rmichael (otland)	3	Prop	G. Price (Wales)	3
IcBride* (land)	4	Lock	G. Wheel (Wales)	4
own (otland)	5	Lock	C. W. Ralston (England)	5
tery (land)	6	Flanker	D. Rollitt (England)	6
dle (otland)	8	No 8	T. M. Davies (Wales)	8
r (otland)	7	Flanker	A. Neary* (England)	7

*Captain

Referee: G. Domercq (France)

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April 18

Danie Craven, president th African Rugby Board, last night that he was the Springboks would eir tours of Britain in d that the composition ide would be acceptable ides of opinion in the ntries.

Craven is managing and he South African Invita- , comprising white. and black players, that the French touring team Town in June. "This is ig breakthrough", he he initiative for the ent of this team came h Africa. It will be the that white Springboks ed with Proteas and We have a rugby advi- nittee representing the odies involved, and the spirit is an excellent

n the evening the International board had little of significance to announce following their two-day annual meeting under the chairmanship of Cliff Wilton, of Scotland. It was explained that the collection of statistics in relation to infringements for which penalty kicks are awarded, which the board called for a year ago, could not be completed until details were available from overseas unions at the end of their current season.

Several minor alterations have been made to the laws, mostly in the area of clarification. But one specific change, affecting "accidental offside" will take effect from next season. If the referee decides that a player run into by a colleague carrying the ball from behind produces no interference in the play, no obstruction, and no effect on the game, then play will continue.

The chairman said there had been no formal proposal about the mandatory appointment of referees from neutral countries for all international matches but conceded that the board "probably would move closer to the idea in future". Doctor Craven confirmed afterwards that the South African board, who have invited the Scot, Norman Sanson, to referee their two internationals against France this summer, approved the suggestion in principle.

In a prepared statement, the board made it clear that, although they had no evidence of the use of drugs or stimulants in rugby football, they stressed that such use by players, other than for therapeutic reasons in accordance with medical advice, would be regarded with disapproval, and was contrary to the spirit of the game.

The statement added that any player unable to participate without the administration of drugs or injections to relieve pain or acute illness must be considered as being unfit to play in a game. It was confirmed at a press conference that such administration would apply both on and off the field.

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ɘntives for England ame with Wales

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the hockey season is a close there is no nthusiasm in weekend gland play Wales in the the home countries' Bristol today, starting d tomorrow Southgate rs) are at home to e Eagles in the second round game in the ub championship. Not- ill be at home to the the final on April 27.

England are already the home championship till something to play will try to achieve the wn (having already otland and Ireland in d are hoping to avenge defeat by Wales at t season. Another in- the gold award offered ponsors, Benson and the outstanding player ch.

ton School ground, the ales's first victory over ur years ago, may pro- with the necessary in- recover some of the y lost in Dublin, where beaten by Ireland and They have omitted Sparkes from their

too, have made two Brehlik, their great full short corner expert, e left out for private d Neale is not in the . Most of the England in the Great Britain ave a satisfactory per- Bisham Abbey national re last Sunday, when he Rest 1—0.

and under-22 party of ready begun a three- weekend at Mill Hill School, London, and tomorrow at 2.45 a team chosen from the party will play a match against Fred Scott's XI in preparation for the international tournament at Barcelona from May 17 to 19.

The teams for today's match at Bristol are:

ENGLAND (from): P. A. Mills, R. L. Baker, D. B. Whitaker, D. G. Blackmore, P. C. Freitag, B. J. Cotton (captain), D. C. Aldridge, B. M. Purdy, I. S. McGinn, I. A. Thomson, C. J. C. Whalley, B. R. Disbury, R. H. Brookeman, S. R. L. Long.
WALES (from): D. A. Savage, R. D. S. Martin, B. M. Owen, A. G. Parson, B. G. Griffiths, J. E. C. Foulkes, P. J. Wilson (captain), A. Davies, P. R. Marsh, I. G. Cowx, M. Brough, L. S. Towler, M. May.

Southgate and Bedfordshire Eagles met in the final of the national club championship last season at Luton, where Southgate won 3—0. Eagles, led by Hodge, are confident they will avenge this defeat tomorrow, this view being supported by their sequence of uninterrupted victories since November 19.

Against this record, Southgate have to their credit their recent triumph in the London league final, in which they beat Guildford 2—1, their own ambition to win the European club championship at Frankfurt (May 16 to 19), and the prospect of success in the Middlesex Cup final against Hounslow at the end of this month. In tomorrow's match they will be assisted by five players who played for England in the World Cup tournament, and only a superlative effort on the part of the Eagles could upset them. Tomorrow's teams are:

SOUTHGATE (from): D. J. Owen, D. V. Collison, D. B. Whitaker, A. H. Ekins, B. J. Cotton, D. C. Aldridge, G. Pickard, I. S. McGinn, M. J. Crowe, M. J. Corby, J. L. Neale, J. Walker, D. t'Hoen.
BEDFORDSHIRE EAGLES: P. Ball, M. Blake, M. Hodge, M. Ganesh, B. Daved, P. Goodyear, P. Ellis, M. Kavanagh, R. Jackson, J. Ashford, G. Player.

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ing first-class cricket the season, Cambridge v Leicestershire, has abandoned completely. ly was called off on ecause of the water- mer's ground and a nspection yesterday pitch in such a con- play on Monday and as also out of the

shire, the county are unlikely to have practice before their atch against MCC at Wednesday. Worcester- endly fixture with ext Monday has been ecause of the sodden Taunton ground, and ne-day game with at Worcester on Tues- ubtful for the same Worcestershire's prac- as been indoors and here were again pools the ground at New rset have also put off y practice game with t Taunton on Tuesday day.

's two-day practice at a Lancashire League ed for Monday and in doubt because the d ground is water- decision whether to ndon will be made on the county finalizing n the morning of the cessary.

Athletics

Hill heads a strong field in Boston race

Boston, April 18.—Ron Hill of Britain, the 1970 winner and the race record holder, heads one of the strongest fields ever assembled for Monday's 79th running of the Boston marathon.

Hill, a 36-year-old textile chemist, set a record of two hours 10 minutes, 37 seconds for the event, but it could be broken with such high-class runners as Neil Cusack (Ireland) and Tom Fleming (United States) in the starting line-up.

Cusack, a student at East Tennessee State University, won the 1974 Boston marathon in 2:13.39—the second-fastest time in the race's history. Fleming was runner-up the last two years.

Another leading contender is Richard Mabuza, of Swaziland, third in both the Commonwealth Games marathon and the all-African games marathon.

A record 2,300 runners are expected to compete.—Reuter.

Show jumping

GENEVA: Nations Cup: 1, West Germany (H. Snoek, Rasputin, G. Wiltfang, Gallipolis, H. Schockemöhle, Talisman, H. Steenken, Kosmos) 4pts; 2, Britain (D. Ricketts, Beau Supreme, Miss C. Bradley, True Lass, A. Newberry, Warlock, D. Broome, Jaegermeister) 4.25; 3, Belgium, 16.95; 4, Switzerland, 19.75; 5, Ireland, 36; 6, Netherlands, 44.7.

Cycling

MARTINA: Tour of Puglia: Final placings: 1, G. Battaglin (Italy), 20hr 23min 29sec; 2, F. Bitossi (Italy), at 18sec.

Rowing

Head title again rests with Baillieu and Hart

By Jim Railton

The European and world bronze medal winners in double sculls, Baillieu and Hart, lead off the long procession of 393 scullers entered in today's Head of the River race for scullers (10.30). Last year Baillieu and Hart scythed through, starting almost halfway down the field to finish first and second respectively. Baillieu took the Head title with a 20sec margin over his partner and today's title again must lie between these two international scullers over the 4¼ mile Mortlake to Putney championship course.

With the introduction of quadruple sculls and lightweight single sculls into the international championships last year, eight sculling places are available for this year's world championships in Nottingham in the men's events. Although today's events will not decide final sculling selections, leading contenders—Spencer, Findlay, Dwan, Mulcahy, Bishop, Brown and Hudson—will be expected to finish among the first 10 home. Certainly the presence of the veteran sculler, Nick Birkmyre, who won the title in 1962 and finished ninth last year, among the first 10 will prove an embarrassment to the younger generation.

The 1974 Wingfields champion, David Sturge, is entered and starts in third position. He contracted glandular fever during training and was withdrawn from this year's boat race. Although Sturge has posted his intention of defending his Wingfields title—the amateur championship of the Thames—at the end of the month, he must surely be a doubtful starter today.

Among competitors are 17 women scullers, who will compete in the event for the first time. No doubt, too, they are lobbyists for increasing the international distance for women from 1,000 metres to a more realistic 1,500 metres, or even 2,000 metres—the only international distance for men.

The scullers Head of the River race will lean on technology, too, with results and frequent updating of positions provided by the Computel computer company, who promise to end the agony of hours of waiting for the final distribution of the 21 pennants available in today's race.

Golf

INZAI, Japan: Sobu open: 134, S. Sakashita, 69, 65; 138, H. Sugimoto, 68, 70; 140, Hsu Sheng-San (Taiwan), 68, 72.
PENSACOLA, Florida: 64, A. North, 66, M. Wynn, B. Crampton (Australia), B. Greene, C. Coody. GB score: 72, P. Oosterhuis.

Tennis

TOKYO: R. Luiz (US) beat H. Soloman (US), 7—5, 3—6, 6—0; N. Cox (GB) beat M. Riessen (US), 6—1, 6—4; J. Alexander (Australia) beat C. Drysdale (SA), 7—6, 4—6, 7—5; S. Smith (US) beat R. Stockton (US), 6—3, 1—0 retd.
DENVER: I. el Shafei (Egypt) beat R. Laver (Australia), 7—6, 7—5; B. Gottfried (US) beat C. Dibley (Australia), 7—6, 6—1.
VALENCIA: E. Dibbs (France) beat J. P. Bravo (Chile), 6—4, 7—5; W. Fibak (Poland) beat J.-F. Caujolle (France), 6—3, 6—3; J. Loyo-Mayo (Mexico) beat R. Prajoux (Chile), 5—7, 6—3, 6—4.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 7, Chicago White Sox 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 14, St Louis Cardinals 7; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Cincinnati Reds 4; Montreal Expos 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Atlanta Braves 3, Houston Astros 1; Chicago Cubs 10, Philadelphia Phillies 9.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup, best-of-seven play-offs: Pittsburgh Penguins 6, New York Islanders 4 (Pittsburgh lead 3—0); Chicago Black Hawks 5, Buffalo Sabres 4 (Buffalo lead 2—1); Philadelphia Flyers 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 0 (Philadelphia lead 3—0); Montreal Canadiens 4, Vancouver Canucks 1 (Montreal lead 2—1).

Two minds of Oosterhuis: whether to soldier on in hope or to take a break from the campaign

Briton on horns of American dilemma

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Palm Springs, California, April 18

It is something of a wrench to turn from the classical drama of the United States Masters golf tournament to the lower levels of the game in which Peter Oosterhuis is perforce swimming at the moment. The situations, though linked, are quite distinct. The Masters is concerned with the making or the confirmation of a champion. Oosterhuis at this stage, if I read him right, is more concerned with increasing his earning power.

At present he is doing that. In the first 14 weeks of this year he has won $4,500 (about £1,600), but he is out of pocket. In addition to the house he has been renting for his wife and small boy there has been the nanny's wages and so on. The professional tour has moved out of the south-west and Oosterhuis has moved with it.

This week, until Sunday, he is back at Pensacola in Florida, where a year ago he lost a play-off to Lee Elder. The week after he will play in a satellite tournament run concurrently with the tournament of champions with its limited field. In May he returns to Britain for the rich PGA championship, and then he might take a week off after an unbroken spell of 16 tournaments.

At the Masters he seemed to be in two minds, not far removed from those horns of a dilemma which have troubled more than one golfer who takes up the challenge of the American tour. He does not show signs of depression, discontent or even of a falling confidence; but he seems uncertain whether to soldier on and see whether his form returns in full, or whether to take a break.

The break would not be because he is stale; his golfing capacity is great and is not yet satiated. He would not go off fishing or on any other activity to get away from it. "I might hit thousands of balls", he said, "something which I never normally do. But consistency is something you must achieve over here. I have been playing well for nine holes and then doing something silly, as though my concentration has suddenly gone. Perhaps when I return for the PGA I will see my old coach at Dulwich. He put me on to my game before the Open last year."

His theory of consistency is interesting because in Britain in the past year he seemed hardly ever to put together a bad score, however he was playing. In the United States this year his scores have varied from 66 (he took 76 the next round) to 80.

Oosterhuis admits that he has never really been taught the fundamentals. He has simply gone on playing better and never had to be introspective about his game. This no doubt explains the strong impression Nicklaus's book made on him, with its insistence on returning to the basic principles. But he has a good understanding of what it is all about and knows that his technique is not flawless. The tendency to sway or to make too rapid a completion of that fast swing was not in evidence when he hung on bravely to Gary Player in the Open last year. But I think he recognizes the danger is still lurking below the surface.

It would be interesting to know what a renowned teacher like Bob Toski, or, nearer to his own size, Byron Nelson, would make of his swing. The doubt is not whether to stay in the United States, but how to do well there. He is comfortably off and has the time and money to work out his own salvation there. Probably what he wants at the moment is sound advice.

The tour so far is not in the opinion of Joe Dey, who used to run it for the Professional Golfers' Association properly into its stride. It is the summer months ahead that Americans consider to be the heart of the matter. That is when they leave behind some moderate courses and the celebrity pro-ams with all their attendant distractions. Not that it will all be plain sailing for Oosterhuis then. Some of his concern centres round the fact that he will not be able to play uninterrupted. Unless he wins a tournament, for example, he will not be able to play in the American PGA championship. He will have to prequalify for the United States Open and that will mean another unproductive week.

Perhaps the most galling part of the last fortnight for him was to witness the lightning raid on the American tour made by Maurice Bembridge. It was a relatively slight success but it brought him nearly $3,500 (about £1,400) in the two weeks. Expenses would be heavy, yet he would presumably take home a handsome profit. Their cases are not parallel. Bembridge is a globe-trotting bachelor with no pretensions to the heights. Oosterhuis has family responsibilities and a rooted ambition. Graham Marsh, an Australian globe-trotter and one who has successfully tapped the big Japanese market, prefers the theory of the sudden raid.

After finishing a tie for twenty-fourth in the Masters, along with Hugh Baiocchi, of South Africa, among others, Marsh is sceptical of attempts by foreigners to blaze a successful trail in the United States. He would not attempt it himself. Even given the confidence of many successes outside America, he would still consider only the short raid, just as he feels that he is giving himself every chance to win the British Open by going over only two or three weeks before.

A good many pairs of eyes will be fixed on Oosterhuis in the months ahead, not impatiently, one hopes, because it needs time for him to establish a position here. But if he cannot make his way successfully over here—he who was top of the tree in Britain for four years—then it is a poor lookout for anyone else who thinks he might make it.

A first indication of what America is doing to his golf may come in the third week of May when the PGA, richly endowed by Colgate-Penfold, tempts him back home. For the moment, influenced, perhaps unduly, by the stunning standard of play set by the three leaders in the Masters, I am inclined to think there is something in Marsh's view.

Tennis

Linda Mottram . . . two decisive wins.

British ranks twice broken by young Australians

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Two youngsters from New South Wales have enhanced their reputations by beating ranked British players in successive matches during the women's singles events of the Cumberland club's tennis tournament, sponsored by Rothmans, at Hampstead. Kathryn Walker, the daughter of a well-known Sydney coach, beat Belinda Thompson and Lindsey Beaven, ranked 13th and seventh, and Christine O'Neill disposed of Lesley Charles and Annette Coe, ranked fourth and ninth.

Miss Walker was then beaten by Patti Hogan, of California, a former United States international, though it was not until the third set that, just before rain stopped play for the day, Miss Hogan was able to demonstrate the greater expertise and experience at her command. But Miss O'Neil, who was not seeded, is in the semi-final round, in which her opponent will be yet another ranked British player, Linda Mottram (11th). In the other match, Miss Hogan plays the top seed, Glynis Coles, Britain's number three.

Miss Coles was offered a tough challenge yesterday by the more widely travelled Cynthia Doerner, of Melbourne, an intensely determined competitor who has a knack of middling the ball even when directing it to the wrong places. Mrs Doerner was 5—1 up before Miss Coles began to strike form. But from one—all in the second set, Miss Coles won nine successive games, hitting a stream of winners and doing almost everything right. By that time Miss Coles was so far in front that her eventual inhibitions merely deferred what had become an inevitable result.

Miss Mottram had two decisive wins over domestic rivals of different generations: Christine Janes, former French and Italian champion, and Michele Tyler, aged 16, who is 15 months younger than Miss Mottram and has been groomed by the same coach (Miss Mottram's father). Miss Tyler, who has the gait of a clockwork soldier, is Britain's junior indoor champion. But she has yet to beat Miss Mottram and the clear gap between them tends to be exaggerated by the consequent psychological barrier. It was not until Miss Tyler was a set and 1—5 down that she cast self-doubt aside and showed us what she could do, saving seven match points. Overall, Miss Mottram proved that she could play a similar game better than Miss Tyler.

Men's singles

THIRD ROUND: C. Robertson (Australia) beat C. Weng Wah, 6—3, 6—1; G. Halder (Canada) beat A. M. Jarrett, 7—5, 4—6, 6—4; A. Gardiner (Australia) beat R. D. Green, 6—0, 6—2; S. Meer (Pakistan) beat P. Siviter, 7—6, 7—6; C. McHugo beat J. O. Mills (New Zealand), 7—5, 5—7, 6—4; C. S. Wells beat A. Farcell (Rhodesia), 7—6, 6—3; J. R. Howarth beat P. Bradnam, 6—3, 4—6, 7—5.

FOURTH ROUND: A. Gardiner (Australia) beat G. Halder (Canada), 6—3, ret; R. W. Drysdale beat M. Cornish, 6—4, 5—7, 6—4; C. Robertson (Australia) beat R. Webb, 6—3, 6—3; S. Meer (Pakistan) beat R. C. Beven, 6—0, 6—4; W. Gowans beat A. Compton-Dando, 7—6, 6—4; R. Frawley (Australia) beat A. H. Lloyd, 6—3, 6—3.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: R. W. Drysdale, beat W. J. Gowans, 6—1, 6—1.

Women's singles

THIRD ROUND: Miss L. J. Beaven beat Miss K. R. Ruddell (Australia), 7—6, 6—0.

FOURTH ROUND: Miss P. S. A. Hogan (US) beat Miss J. Dimond (Australia), 6—4, 6—2; Miss A. M. Coe beat Miss L. D. Blachford, 6—3, 6—1; Miss C. O'Neil (Australia) beat Miss L. J. Charles, 6—4, 5—6, 8—6; Mrs C. Doerner (Australia) beat Miss J. A. Congdon, 6—3, 6—0; Miss L. J. Mottram beat Mrs G. T. Janes, 6—2, 6—2; Miss M. Tyler beat Miss K. Hallam (Australia), 6—2, 6—0.

FIFTH ROUND: Miss G. L. Coles beat Mrs C. Doerner (Australia), 6—7, 6—1, 6—3; Miss L. J. Mottram beat Miss M. Tyler, 6—2, 6—1; Miss C. O'Neil (Australia) beat Miss A. M. Coe, 6—1, 6—2; Miss K. Walker (Australia) beat Miss L. J. Beaven, 6—2, 6—3.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: Miss P. A. Hogan (US) beat Miss K. Walker (Australia), 7—5, 3—6, 6—1.

Golf

Palmer striking well at La Manga

From Geoffrey Green
La Manga, April 18

The Spanish Open golf championship has now reached the final furlong in its oasis here under the burning eye of the sun. The pressure is on for the last run tomorrow, and with only four strokes covering a dozen leading players it is all blowing in the wind—except that so far there has been little of that to cool the brow.

One name, however, stands out like a lighthouse to show the way: Arnold Palmer. He is being challenged by the young South African, Fourie, third money winner in his homeland, who came in today with a round of 67, and the two of them at this moment lead the parade with 210 strokes, one better than O'Leary, the Irish overnight leader, and two ahead of Britain's Guy Hunt. Then come a clutch of Spaniards on 213 and 214, along with the Britons Garner and Barnes and a lanky Irishman from Belfast, David Jones.

Close up with the leaders and at last into his stride is Jerry Heard, the American holder of this title, who struck form today with a 68, snatching birdies at the first, third and eighth and almost pocketing two more at the sixth and seventh when 10ft putts just failed to drop. Three down at the turn was what he wanted, for at breakfast time he had said he felt like turning on the heat. He may need to be watched.

In contrast, one cannot ignore the sad decline of Jacklin, whose round of 74 saw him miss the cut for the final run-in tomorrow. He has moved to live in the Channel Islands, and it would seem to an outsider like myself that, for the moment at least, he has lost the old urge and ambition. Perhaps the transplant has disturbed his roots. One pleasant fact today, however, was the survival of Martin Coxon, the only amateur left to contest the final day. Due to play for Britain in the Walker Cup next month, he put together a splendid round of 68—four under par—for a total of 216.

Tomorrow is the day when it will be decided on or around the greens. P. G. Wodehouse once wrote of someone facing a telling short putt that he could hear the uproar of butterfly wings in an adjoining meadow. Anyone so affected will be lost tomorrow. But not Palmer, I suspect.

Fully concentrated, and followed as always by the largest gallery, he found time here and there for some pleasantry in passing, a man relaxed in the heat, clearly enjoying his game, and leading the crowd as he strode out to his next shot. "I haven't seen him hit the ball as well in years", said his caddie. Not only was he outdriving Jones and Barrios by as much as 15 yards at times, but his iron play, ruling the pin, was always giving him a chance on the greens.

Beginning 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, he was two under par and then three under at the turn, when he sank a long putt at the 586 yard ninth for a four. However, three putts at the 10th pegged him back and at the 13th, when he sliced his drive between two palm trees to get an awkward line near a stone, he called for a ruling. He was told to play it, did so, and got his par. He then pulled back another birdie at the 15th with a long putt for three.

Then came the unbelievable. Driving at the 18th, he repeated his adventure of yesterday. Once more the lake to his left proved an irresistible magnet for his drive; again he removed socks and shoes to roll up his trousers; again he took two splashes of water to get out. But this time he hit the heart of the green with a seven-iron, sank his putt for five, and was round in 69. He is the form horse.

Leading totals:
210: J. Fourie (S Africa), 71 + 72 + 67; A. Palmer (US), 72 + 69 + 69.
211: J. O'Leary (Ireland), 73 + 65 + 73.
212: G. Hunt (GB), 70 + 69 + 73.
213: A. Gallardo (Spain), 72 + 72 + 69; J. Benito (Spain), 70 + 74 + 69; V. Barrios (Spain), 70 + 71 + 72; J. Garner (GB), 72 + 68 + 73.
214: A. Garrido (Spain), 72 + 75 + 67; G. Garrido (Spain), 71 + 74 + 69; B. Barnes (GB), 73 + 70 + 71; D. Jones (Ireland), 68 + 73 + 73.
215: N. Coles (GB), 71 + 73 + 71; S. Brown (GB), 74 + 73 + 68; S. Ballesteros (Spain), 73 + 72 + 70; J. Heard (US), 74 + 73 + 68; B. Jaeckel (US), 74 + 70 + 71.

Rugby League

Directors resign as York face demotion

Two directors of York, who are facing relegation to the second division, resigned yesterday. They are Bernard Quin and George Barker. Neither the club nor the men concerned would explain the reasons for the resignations. The official statement simply said they had been received and accepted.

York are involved in an £80,000 scheme to build new squash courts on their ground and another statement issued by the club said that each of the directors had been asked this week to undertake a substantial financial guarantee to get the project under way.

Wainwright, the Oldham centre, who asked for a transfer last week because he wants to play at stand-off half, gets his chance at Hull tomorrow. The club's regular stand-off, Treasure, is released to play for the Welsh squad in a testimonial match at St Helens and Wainwright is switched from centre to fill the gap.

The Rugby League yesterday issued a revised list of matches for England during the visit to Australia and New Zealand in June for the world championship games.

PROGRAMME: June 1, Western Australia, at Perth; June 7, Toowoomba; June 10, Wales, at Brisbane; June 15, a Sydney club; June 18, Huntley (New Zealand); June 22, New Zealand, at Auckland; June 28, Australia, at Sydney; June 29, a Sydney club; July 1, a Sydney club; July 6, Papua, at Port Moresby. The party will fly from Heathrow on May 27 and arrive back on July 10.

Motor racing

Double nostalgia at Brands Hatch

By John Blunsden

The 25th anniversary of the transformation of Brands Hatch from a motorcycle grass track to a motor racing circuit will be marked by two nostalgic events in next Sunday's Silver Jubilee meeting, which is being organized by the British Racing and Sports Car Club.

The BRSCC, Britain's busiest race-organizing club, was once little more than a band of enthusiasts who formed themselves together at the end of the Second World War as the 500 Club, with the aim of promoting low-cost racing with motorcycle-engined single-seater cars.

They were eminently successful, the cars gained international recognition as Formula 3, and in April, 1950, they were heard at Brands Hatch for the first time at the opening meeting of what was then a kidney-shaped one-mile race circuit.

On Sunday, more than 20 of them will be on view at Brands Hatch, all of them either preserved or restored by members of the 500 Owners Association, and the majority will take part in a special seven-lap race alongside a number of Formula Junior cars—generally considered to be the successors to the original "500s" when they first appeared in the late-1950s.

The second nostalgic moment will be the appearance of some of the leading pioneers of post-war motor racing in Britain in a 10-lap race with the Brands Hatch-based fleet of Shell Sport Escorts. Among the drivers will be John Cooper, a one-time leading Formula 3 driver who went on to build the cars which brought the Formula 1 World Championship to Jack Brabham and Britain in 1959 and 1960, and Ken Gregory, another former F3 driver who turned race-organizer and became Stirling Moss's manager during his rise to fame. Two other long-since retired racing drivers taking part in the celebration race will be Jack Sears and Les Leston, who once had to take part in a special two-car run-off at Brands Hatch to decide who was to hold the title of British Saloon Car Champion. On that occasion Sears won.

The main event of Sunday's eight-race programme will be a 40-lap race qualifying for the John Player Atlantic International Championship, in which Tony Brise (Modus-Ford) and Jim Crawford (Chevron-Ford) currently share the lead with 60 points each. Other supporting events include rounds of the Southern Organs RAC British Touring Car, Simoniz Special Saloon Car and Allied Polymer Group Ford 2,000 championships. Racing begins at 2.00 pm.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 p.m. unless stated.

First division

Birmingham v Luton
Carlisle v Wolverhampton
Everton v Sheffield U
Leeds v Ipswich
Leicester v Derby
Manchester C v Burnley
Middlesbrough v Liverpool
Q P Rangers v Arsenal
Stoke v Newcastle
Tottenham H v Chelsea
West Ham v Coventry

Fourth division

Barnsley v Darlington (3.15)
Cambridge U v Scunthorpe
Chester v Southport
Doncaster v Bradford C
Lincoln v Brentford
Mansfield v Workington
Newport v Crewe (3.15)
Rotherham v Rochdale
Shrewsbury v Reading
Swansea v Exeter
Torquay v Hartlepool

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Final: Epsom v Hoddesdon (at Wembley).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnet v Dartford; Burton v Wealdstone; Grantham v Guildford; Dorking: Kettering v Bath; Maidstone v Atherstone; Margate v Wimbledon; Nuneaton v Dover; Stourbridge v Cambridge City; Tonbridge v Telford United; Weymouth v Chelmsford; Yeovil v Romford. First division North: AP Leamington v Kidderminster; Banbury v Dunstable; Bedford v Wellingborough; Bedworth v Gloucester; Bromsgrove v Stevenage; Cheltenham v Worcester; Corby v Enderby; Merthyr Tydfil v King's Lynn; Milton Keynes v Barry; Tamworth v Bury Town; Witney Town v Redditch. South: Andover v Ramsgate; Bexley v Dorchester; Bideford v Crawley; Bognor Regis v Hillingdon; Canterbury v Salisbury; Folkestone/Shepway v Trowbridge; Gravesend v Basingstoke; Minehead v Hastings; Poole v Metropolitan Police; Waterlooville v Ashford.

Second division

Blackpool v Aston Villa
Bolton v Hull
Bristol Rovers v York
Fulham v Portsmouth
Norwich v Nottingham F
Notts Co v Manchester U
Oldham v Orient
Sheffield Wed v Oxford U
Sunderland v Bristol C
West Bromwich v Cardiff

Scottish first division

Aberdeen v Clyde
Airdrie v Kilmarnock
Arbroath v Rangers
Ayr v Dunfermline
Celtic v Dundee
Dumbarton v Hibernian
Dundee U v Morton
Hearts v Motherwell
Partick v St Johnstone

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Hayes, Dagenham v Walthamstow Avenue, Dulwich Hamlet v Hendon, Enfield v Leatherhead, Ilford v Oxford City, Kingstonian v Leytonstone, Slough Town v Clapton, Sutton United v Bishop's Stortford, Tooting and Mitcham v Hitchin Town, Walton and Hersham v Woking, Wycombe Wanderers v Barking. Second division: Finchley v Wokingham Town, Hampton v Harwich and Parkeston, Harlow v St Albans City, Staines Town v Aveley, Tilbury v Boreham Wood.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Edmonton-Haringey v Rainham Town, Erith and Belvedere v Alton Town, Hornchurch v Redhill, Hounslow Town v Leyton, Letchworth Town v Eastbourne United, Lewes v Ware, Marlow v Wembley, Worthing v Cheshunt, Stevning v Selsey.
IRISH CUP FINAL: Coleraine v Linfield (at Ballymena).
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians v Old Chigwellians, Old Cholmeleians v Old Salopians, Old Foresters v Old Etonians, Old Malvernians v Old Wellingburians.

Third division

Aldershot v Walsall
Blackburn v Chesterfield
Brighton v Huddersfield
Charlton v Bury
Colchester v Preston
C Palace v Bournemouth
Grimsby v Wrexham
Hereford v Gillingham
Plymouth v Port Vale
Swindon v Halifax
Watford v Peterborough

Scottish second division

Alloa v Clydebank
Brechin v Albion Rovers
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
East Fife v Stirling Albion
Falkirk v Raith
Hamilton v Montrose
Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir
Queen of South v E Stirling
St Mirren v Forfar
Stranraer v Berwick

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Gainsborough; Buxton v Wigan Athletic; Gateshead United v Bangor City; Great Harwood v South Liverpool; Lancaster v Boston United; Macclesfield v Scarborough; Morecambe v Fleetwood; Mossley v Stafford Rangers; Northwich Victoria v Goole; Worksop v Skelmersdale.

Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Lee v Purley, Old Sedcopians v Heaton, St Helier v Hampstead.
NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Manchester University v Old Hulmeians, Old Stopfordians v Urmston, Old Waconians v Heaton Mersey, Sheffield University v Stockport.

Lawn Tennis

Rothmans cumberland tournament (at Hampstead).

Rugby Union

Irish centenary match
Ireland/Scotland v England/Wales (in Dublin)

Club matches
Abertillery v Bridgend
Barnstaple v Bridgwater and Albion
Bath v Llanelli
Bristol v Cheltenham (3.15)
Broughton Park v Liverpool
Camborne v Clifton (6.0)
Coventry v Bedford
Cross Keys v Pontypridd (3.15)
Fylde v Leicester (3.15)
Gloucester v Sale
Halifax v Waterloo
Harrogate v Morley
Headingley v Wakefield
Hull and ER v Rugby
London Irish v Saracens (3.15)
London Scottish v Harlequins
Maesteg v Birmingham
Metropolitan Police v Lydney
Moseley v Northampton
Neath v Army (3.15)
Newbridge v Nuneaton
New Brighton v Cardiff
Northern v Bradford
Penarth v Newport
Penryn v Paignton
Pontypool v Plymouth Albion
Redruth v Exeter (6.0)
St Ives v Ebbw Vale
Somerset Police v Stroud
Swansea v Aberavon
Wasps v Nottingham
Weston-super-Mare v Taunton

National club championship
Marlow v Canterbury

Rugby League

First division
Wigan v Keighley

Hockey

INTERNATIONAL: England v Wales (at Colston's School, Bristol).
EAST LEAGUE: Colchester v Cambridgeshire Nomads, Pelicans v Ipswich, Peterborough v Ipswich YMCA, West Herts v Chelmsford.
SOUTH LEAGUE TROPHY: Ashford, Old Williamsonians, Polytechnic, Old Kingstonian Marlins, Havant, Southern (at East Grinstead HC).
HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Letchworth v Harpenden.

Tomorrow

Football
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Chomeleians v Old Wykehamists (11.0).

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Halifax v Salford (3.30); Rochdale Hornets v Dewsbury (3.0); Wakefield Trinity v Bradford Northern (3.30); Warrington v York (3.0); Widnes v Leeds (3.0).
SECOND DIVISION: Hull v Oldham (3.0).
OTHER MATCH: St Helens v Welsh touring side.

Rugby Union
NATIONAL CLUB KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION: Preliminary round: Thurrock v Lewes (3.0).

Hockey
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Southgate v Bedfordshire Eagles (3.0).

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.35)
Ice Hockey: Soviet Union v Czechoslovakia (1.0)
Boxing: ABA semi-finals (1.25)
Racing: Newbury races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Golf: US Masters (1.50, 2.20)
Rugby Union: Preview (2.30) Ireland/Scotland v England/Wales (2.50)
Football: Match of the Day (10.0)

BBC 2
Rugby Union: Ireland/Scotland v England/Wales (6.20)
Snooker: Miles v Taylor (7.40)

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Cycling: Paris-Roubaix race (1.0)
Racing: Thirsk races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30; Ayr races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.35
Wrestling: Gravesend promotion (4.0)

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.5)

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SATURDAY REVIEW

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The doll named Silvio

by Michael Kernan

I had been at Cay Doge almost three weeks before I even heard about the Boones, and by then, of course, I'd met all the others. In fact Kathy introduced me to one family, the Reeserbees, on that first evening.

I remember thinking how curiously grande-dame of her, just a child after all, to stand like a statue there on the verandah in her full, ankle-length granny dress, hands clasped together before her, watching the limousine bring me down that long, slowly curving drive. It was as though she, and not her father, had engaged me as her companion (his word; I prefer governess), as though she herself had summoned me, commanded my presence in this remote, sickly lush, jasmine smelling hideaway on the coast of Florida. The road had been designed to reveal the house gradually, among the magnolia trees and the date palms and bougainvillea and palmettos and bamboo: a flash of ancient pink stone masked by Moorish filigree, a glimpse of a turret or two, a suggestion of Venetian balconies with mullioned windows separated by spiralling rococo columns, and then, suddenly, a final swooping curve and that incredible vista—the castle revealed: a Victorian millionaire's vision of paradise or, perhaps more accurately, a Renaissance scholar's rarebit nightmare.

It did, at that, exude a nightmare sense of foreboding, of those unspeakable intuitions no sooner formed by the dreamer than horribly confirmed in actual dream-event. Even the soft papery rustle of the palm fronds conveyed a certain whispering threat.

Her hair was long and mousy brown and gathered in the back by a dangling loose ribbon. Rather tall, she smiled vaguely down at me and murmured, coolly, "Miss Coker?" while Jimmie the chauffeur stepped out and opened the door for me and fetched my two suitcases. (On the long drive out we had mainly discussed how and when my trunk would be picked up at the station.) She was still standing on the same spot on the glazed, worn tiles—worn down by generations of Spaniards, that is, certainly not by Floridians—when we shook hands, and then she motioned me ahead of her into the house. I would have guessed she was twelve if her father hadn't told me she was sixteen. I never was very good with children's ages.

It was only after I had marched ahead that I heard her turn and follow me: an odd scraping sound. I glanced quickly back. Already her hands were pulling the granny dress in an instinctive motion of concealment, but I had seen the heavy black shoe, the sole five inches thick.

Really, he might have warned me. I could appreciate his problem, having the girl's tutor take off without advance notice the very day he was sailing for Europe (I had been charmed with that I must admit; I didn't realize anyone Sailed for Europe anymore), but he might have told me that much. I had to get the rest of it from Jimmie. And of course Varna the cook, although I never could understand a word she said and didn't particularly care to.

In the beginning, Kathy was quite the little hostess at our solitary and rather grand dinner. She had ordered the red snapper meuniere herself, she said. For the occasion, she said. I had forgotten about Florida red snapper. Superb, with potato balls in parsley butter. Some sort of sweet, heavy Southern vegetable, doubtless Varna's speciality, which I didn't touch.

After the first few remarks she subsided into a shy silence, speaking only when I asked her questions. It was to be our pattern from then on. I never did know exactly how it started, or why. Yes, she enjoyed algebra and geometry, though sometimes she found them hard. No, she wasn't very happy with French. There were so many exceptions to the rules.

"And when you're not studying", I said, "what do you do? Play outside? Do you have friends here?"

"I don't go out much", she said. "Mostly I stay in the house."

"But isn't it lonely? Out here so far from things?"

"Oh, I have my dolls."

I was about to mention the tennis courts I had seen on the way in, overgrown but not irreparable, when I remembered the foot. So in some slight confusion I switched to swimming.

"Is there a good beach here?"

"I have 231", she said. Her stare was so intense that I was quite taken aback.

"What?"

"Dolls", she said. "Would you like to meet some of them?"

In silence we took a little elevator, with filigreed Spanish ironwork, to the third storey. And here was an amazement: a playroom big enough to give a wedding reception in, but low-ceilinged and snug, with dormer windows and on three walls a marvellous signed mural by one of the great illustrators of the twenties, I forget his name, all billowing clouds and dream castles and girls on swings. Not my style at all, but really quite striking for what it was.

Without a word Kathy clumped to the far end, where at least a dozen large, cloth-faced dolls sat, flopped and drooped around a tea table.

"Miss Coker, the Reeserbees", she announced. "This is Mrs Reeserbee——" she lifted a matronly figure from its chair, made it bow ever so slightly and cooed in a faint voice suggesting weariness, poverty and gentility. "How d'jou do?"

Then she did the same for Mr Reeserbee (also quite worn, but portly and booming, with a scratchy alto voice; the workmanship was excellent, I should say Eastern European, perhaps Czech) and the larger children, Emily and Samuel and Lawrence and the twins Bert and Nancy, and on down the line. At one point a squabble arose between small Mildred and her even smaller brother William: much waving of arms and pushing of tiny chairs while Kathy rushed unobtrusively from one to the other, manipulating and jabbering in different child voices, until finally Mr Reeserbee cleared his throat and rumbled, "That will do, children, that will do", whereupon the little ones giggled. A remarkable performance. I had a distinct sense, not only of each individual character but of the family as a whole, a rollicking Micawberish image.

"But that's extraordinary", I said. "You have personalities for them all. And even different voices. Don't you ever get them confused?"

Kathy looked genuinely surprised. "Oh, no! How could I? They're all so different, you know. Sarah is the delicate one, she has asthma, and I don't think her heart is very strong. That's why she sits by her mother. And Lawrence...".

"But my dear, you have a real talent. I've never seen anything quite like it. I'm really impressed."

She smiled slowly. "You haven't seen the others."

"You mean to say that all two hundred and...".

"Two hundred and thirty-one," she nodded, trying to hide her pleasure with the diffident and secret and somehow disturbing little smile that I was to know so well.

Every evening over the next two weeks, following French and algebra, I had tea with them, learned to chat with them, to cluck over their children's illnesses, to laugh at their foibles, to draw them out about their astonishingly complex histories. Really, it was the only time I could connect with the girl, the only time Kathy showed me anything of herself. I wasn't encouraged to touch them, however. I met the de Revenants, an elegant childless couple, three feet tall, in evening dress (he was a retired diplomat); the tiny Mipps family, six inches high with very squeaky voices and a propensity for losing one another; the great Vortigan clan, 30 of them, actors and mountebanks who affected the costumes of 20 different countries, travelled a lot and seemed to have a fairly sleazy background; the tragic, down-at-heel O'Briens, always in debt (he drank), always equally glum in the face of disaster or windfall; the very ordinary Smiths with their large infant daughter (half again as tall as either parent) plagued by bladder trouble: the suffocatingly rich Van Dubeens, three generations of them, who spoke only in effete gasps. And the singles, who might turn up alone but most often were invited to tea with one family or another; dashing mustachioed Edward Dexter, former Civil War blockade runner; Sylvia Solvay, heiress to a bicarbonate fortune and spoiled rotten; poor Gerhart Pfanstiehl, once the most brilliant high-wire performer in the world but now a splintered wooden wreck who went about on a stretcher too small for him, still wearing his spangled circus sash.

There were more. I simply can't remember them all. It was many days before I could organize our study schedule so that Kathy would have sufficient time to do her homework properly. One entire wall of the playroom consisted of a closet with labeled drawers in which the dolls and their clothes were stored. The girl spent far too much time getting them in and out and dressing them. Such a precise child. She kept a mental calendar of all her families' appearances, each group being brought out like clockwork on an intricate schedule, some twice a week, some every five days, some weekly and so on.

One morning I was in the kitchen making sure Jimmie understood the shopping list I had given him (another amazement: I was expected to run the entire establishment as housekeeper, supervising gardener and steward), when Varna waddled in from the pantry, a sullen Aunt Jemima.

"Ah, there you are", I said. "We'll have veal birds tonight. Would you say two pounds of fillets are about right?"

"Ain't gone be dinner tonight", she mumbled. "You gone be alone".

"I beg your pardon?"

As usual she looked past me. "Miss Kathy won't eat down tonight".

"I don't know why not. She's perfectly well".

Varna sulked—I always wondered if she was dishonest—and shrugged in Jimmie's direction.

"It's the nineteenth", he told me. "She has her dinner by herself on the nineteenth".

The two of them stood there, suspended in time, eyes fixed on nothing.

"For heaven's sake, why?" I turned to Jimmie. "Why?"

"It's a special night. She has them dolls out."

"But we've had the dolls every night."

"Them other ones. The Boones."

"But I've seen them all. Some more than once."

"Not these. She don't bring these out but once a month. You know she likes everything just so."

"And doesn't deign to come down to dinner? I hope you're not telling me that the child runs this house. Time someone took her in hand. She needs exercise. Out in the sun. She never talks to anyone but those everlasting dolls."

"She don't talk much," said Jimmie. "That's for sure."

"Nor does her father. Really, he could have told me more about all of this. Most inconvenient." I meant inconsiderate.

"Well, Miss Coker," Jimmie said slowly, settling himself on a ladderback kitchen chair with a cracked old leather drumhead seat, "maybe there's a lot to tell and maybe there ain't."

He motioned to another chair, but I preferred to stand. Then he talked.

Most of it I knew already, of course. About old man MacAdam, the grandfather, who had made a fortune in the Pennsylvania oil fields, and another as a Standard Oil partner, and still another in Florida real estate. And how he had left eight square miles of Florida jungle to his son Stanley, who had promptly turned it into Gran Venetia, Millionaire City, with a 40ft plaster arch over the main entrance, 12 miles of canals, a footbridge modelled on the Ponte Vecchio (slightly displaced), 80 blocks of streets, sidewalks and lamp foundations, three lagoons and, dominating it all, on a beautiful scimitar of white Atlantic sand beach, the castle Cay Doge, where Stanley and generations of future MacAdams were to spend their days amid putative quattrocento Italian confessionals, wall-sized Canaletto (school) paintings, crypto-Durer sculptures of praying hands, whole roomsful of wormeaten mahogany antique refectory furniture by Wilson Mizner, fountains from Seville, Padua, Vienna and Philadelphia, unbelievably dusty wall hangings, early English Gothic fireplaces, 12ft high, from Salisbury or possibly Cincinnati, saints' tombs allegedly stolen from Thuringian cathedrals, and the four-poster beds of obscure emperors, all ensconced between carved plaster ceilings and endless inlaid wooden parquet floors so dangerously slippery that green rubber runners had to be set down everywhere to form a hideous trail connecting all 46 rooms. The very fraudulence of the castle gave it a peculiar menace: a feeling of things violated, of ancient secrets uprooted, of ghosts disturbed. Their mute rage filled the place.

Sometimes on an oppressively close afternoon, when even the lemon sun seemed weary of all that moist heat, I could sense a brooding, smouldering fury in the very trees and shrubs and vines that clustered around the building, choking it in airless gloom, their unceasing gentle clatter a whisper of conspirators.

I had been all over the estate by this time, and also had wandered past the crumbling Cay itself, where authentic gondolas were to have been moored—were, in fact, until the hurricane of '26, when they headed for Cuba in a group. It was the hurricane, of course, that scuttled Gran Venetia and other dreams.

Stanley MacAdam had been the man who hired me, and Kathy was his only daughter, for his wife (a society girl, no doubt, narrow-hipped and thin-blooded) had died giving birth. MacAdam rarely visited the place. Jimmie said he couldn't bear to see all those sidewalks sinking into the sand. It also pained him, Jimmie told me with unblinking glance, to see poor Kathy. The girl was to inherit 43 million exactly on year and a day after her eigh teenth birthday, at which tim Cay Doge was to become state museum of some sort.

"You mean she'll have t leave," I said.

He spread his palms befor me. I simply can't stand th kind of man who makes ges tures like that.

That afternoon, when th lessons were finished, Kath complained she was feelin logy. Unthinkingly, I urged he to go to bed early, and it wa only when I found myself tak ing dinner alone after correct ing her papers that I remem bered what Jimmie had said. went up to her room on th second floor. She wasn't there so I climbed the stairs to th playroom.

The door was locked. Voice came from the other side, th many voices in which Kath could talk so freely, but hars this time, angry and full c tension.

I knocked on the door, hard "I must come in," I said "Kathy, let me in."

After a full minute sh opened the door and faced m with a sly smile. Her eye flamed with something beyon hatred. She bowed me into th room.

Dolls of all sizes sat aroun on the floor. At least tw dozen. There were no chairs t tea tables. The dolls wer humped stiffly forward or la flat on their backs. They wer unkempt, many in rags, som with the hair entirely gone an their bare pink pates shinin dully in the soft light. Some o the skulls had been dented o smashed in the back. Then I looked from one doll to th next, all around that unlovel circle, I saw something else.

Every doll was blind. Th cloth ones had ragged hol where the glass eyes had bee plucked clean out. The har plastic ones with moreab eyes all showed the whites. few had nothing more tha dark empty sockets.

"Kathy. What is this?"

"The Boones, Miss Coker Still that secret smile, the bla ing eyes.

"But they're awful. Yo should throw them away."

She stared with such frigh ening intensity that I diverte my glance to the dolls again They seemed to confront m with accusations I could fin no name for.

"Sort of a doll hospital, that it? Where the sick one come?"

She shook her head slowly.

"Well", I said finall "Aren't they ugly. Do the talk? Perhaps you should tal to them."

"They just talk to me", sh whispered, "when there's n one around."

"Well. If they're shy, pe haps we should do somethin about it. If you'd introduce m to them, I'm sure we..."

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"He likes to carry me sometimes for fun. Like he used to."

I can't convey to you how she looked after him, that stumpy little figure with the sleeves rolled up over his hard-muscled arms, and jeans, and the bare brown neck that jutted above his collar. He was anywhere from twenty-five to forty, with yellow cat eyes that didn't tell you anything.

"Kathy, you must have a bathing suit."

She arranged the dress around her feet and stared dreamily out to sea.

"Tomorrow I want you to wear it. You do swim, don't you?"

She nodded in her reverie.

"We'll come here every day and swim. Wouldn't you like that? You'll get tanned and strong, and I'll help you to swim. We can swim in French. It's nager."

She gave not the slightest sign that she understood my little attempt to be friendly.

"Heavens, a strong girl like you shouldn't need to be carried. You know, sometimes young men will try to touch you—well, it's not a good thing."

Needless to say, the lesson didn't go well, and when the breeze started flipping the pages I gave up.

"That's enough for today, I think," I said. But she wasn't listening; she was gazing out to sea, head oddly lowered, and her lips were moving while her hands fluttered about her pathetically undeveloped little bosom. I thought she was adjusting her dress, but then I noticed the head of a small doll poking up from her breast pocket. It was one of the Mipps dolls.

"Oh. You've brought a doll. I thought we had agreed the dolls wouldn't interfere with lessons."

Wildly, she clasped her bosom and glared down at the offending tiny head. She pushed it out of sight with some violence and then, abruptly, swung herself to her feet and limped back up to the house, paying not the slightest attention to me, assuming as usual that people would pick up after her. As though she thought she was living in a hotel. (I told her as much once, and she merely did her turning-off act, her wan little face instantly going blank).

A few days later, when we were having tea with the Mipps family, I noticed a certain strain; the children were sulky and hardly spoke, and the jolly parents seemed angry with them. Once the father shook his hand at them and would have waggled a finger if he could. "You see what happens," he grumbled in Kathy's lowest voice.

"What is it?" I asked.

"Oh," muttered Kathy, setting the father down on his chair so viciously that his eyes rolled, "Betsy got lost."

"You shouldn't have taken her to the beach. Perhaps if you were to go down there yourself and look in the sand you might find her."

She had barely been out of the house since that day but spent her free time lounging on the verandah and watching Jimmie in the garden. Arrange his work hours as I might, he always seemed to turn up where she was, his tanned, muscled torso glistening at her. Once I mentioned to him that his going without a shirt might offend her, but he simply turned his cat's gaze on me until my heart began to pound from nervousness and I had to look away.

Of course I forgot about Betsy Mipps. There was more than enough to keep my mind occupied without worrying about a missing doll. Perhaps if I had pursued the matter then and there I might have avoided what came later.

It was several weeks later, a Friday night. I remember that. Kathy had been in bed with a so-called summer cold for two days, miserably sniffling and sneezing in her room, occasionally napping but mostly just lying there with a faraway look. I brought up her dinner tray (having neatly intercepted Jimmie on his way up the back stairs with it, thank you very much Jimmie) and offered to read to her from The Mill on the Floss, but she said she had just taken a pill and would sleep after eating.

When I returned an hour later the tray was outside her door. I was about to start downstairs with it when something made me feel I should look in on her. I opened the door a crack. She was gone, the bedclothes flung back with great energy.

Hurrying up to the playroom, I tried the knob silently. It was locked, of course, but by this time I had located a duplicate key, hung on a great dusty board bristling with hooks and labels that I had found in a closed-off butler's pantry.

There were voices. I put my ear to the door.

"No! Please!" A tiny, squeaking cry.

"It is ordered." Stern, magisterial.

"I won't do it ever! I swear!"

"It has been decided."

"But I couldn't help it. Oh, please!"

A rustling. Mutterings. The high whimpering of a terrified child. "She is prepared." A rasping alto voice.

A long silence, broken only by muffled keening. Then a sharp cry.

I rushed into the room.

The Boones sat in a tight circle around Kathy. Close to her, almost head to head, as though conspiring with her, bulked the dark figure of Silvio. In the dim light she was bending over a piece of two-by-four upon which was tied a small doll.

Kathy jumped up. She held an old-fashioned buttonhook with a beautifully incised silver handle. There was nothing in her face at all, only a strange calm, triumphant and quite mad.

I glanced at the doll. It was the Betsy Mipps doll. Its eyes had been pulled out.

Kathy smiled at me with a queer condescension, and her face softened, "It's the nineteenth," she said.

I think I screamed. I ran out of the room and down the stairs. Jimmie and Varna met me on the mezzanine.

"Get her out of there!" I shouted. "Get those dolls out of there!"

They both ran on up, while I clung to the banister. After a few minutes Jimmie came down, and I confess I more or less collapsed on him so that he had to support me down the stairs into the big study, where he helped me into an old Spanish leather chair studded with large brass knobs, rather like an electric chair, I remember thinking.

"Why, she's out of her mind," I told him. "She's gone out of her mind over those horrible dolls. We've got to do something!"

"It's okay now. Take it easy. Varna's getting her back to bed."

"But we've got to get her away from them. Did you see what she ——"

Jimmie was patting my forearm. His hand was warm and solid. "She's just playing," he mumbled. "Kids play rough sometimes. It's okay."

"You mean to say she's done this before? Well, I'm calling Dr Porter in the morning. About a psychiatrist."

"Now you just take it easy, Miss Coker. She don't feel good, with that cold."

"I certainly will not take it easy. The girl is mentally ill. She needs attention, and right away. She shouldn't be allowed——Did you see those others? And that Silvio ——"

He backed off and covertly eyed the stairs. "Oh now. I don't think she did all them. They broke when she was playin' with 'em. They're awful old, some of 'em. Some of 'em even b'longed to her mother."

"Nonsense! This is serious! She may have to be hospitalized."

He grunted disapproval.

"I'm calling Dr Porter in the morning. And if he thinks we should call in a specialist, then I'll cable Mr MacAdam. He should absolutely know right away."

Jimmie seemed relieved. "Yeah, we should ask Mr MacAdam. Maybe he'll fly back."

"Maybe so." I stood up, still slightly dizzy from sudden exertion and shock. "But what I can do right now is lock those dolls up. I want you to change the lock on that playroom."

"Oh now."

"Don't talk back to me! I'm in charge of this house! I want that lock changed tonight!"

He shuffled and glared at me with his yellow eyes.

"Don't b'lieve I got 'nother lock around . . ."

"Well, you'll drive into town and pick one up. Or take one off the old boathouse door. You'll manage, I know."

"Miss Coker . . ."

"Tonight! It's important for the girl's health."

He lumbered off, shoulders hunched with rage. Later that night I heard him bumping about overhead, dropping things and cursing. Really, such a transparent little man. In any case, there was a shiny new Yale lock on the door when I checked next morning before breakfast. I saw him in the kitchen after, still not looking me in the eye, and I should have asked him for the keys then and there.

Most of the day I spent waiting for Dr Porter to return my call. His office finally discovered that he was off for the day—Florida efficiency! Of course I could hardly be expected to deal with the junior partner, who wouldn't know the girl's background. In the evening I took a solitary swim, strolled in the gardens and read. Anything to stay out of that stifling house. Wherever I went the palm fronds clacked and rustled in the jasmined air.

After dinner Varna came down with the tray and the message that Miss Kathy wanted to see me and explain.

"There's nothing to explain," I replied.

"She want to see you," the woman repeated in her dogged, sullen way. "She call thew the door. She in the playroom."

"The playroom!"

I was so furious I ran all the way. I could have killed Jimmie. The door was unlocked. I yanked it open and stamped in. A shout of anger was on my lips.

It was like walking onstage. I was in the centre, and all around were dolls. On tables and chairs, on the floor, sitting and standing against the wall. All in a great ring. Ranged in tiers as though in an amphitheatre. Hundreds of them. All facing me. Hugh cloth-faced ones, small china ones, girl dolls, baby dolls, adult dolls. All in a circle around me, staring at me. And in the centre, in the front row, sat the hideous Boone family. The limp, small figure that had been Betsy Mipps was one of them, her black eyeholes glaring at me like the rest.

In the very middle stood Silvio. The ringmaster. His angular face with its fixed, curving leer seemed to radiate an obscene delight, as though he were gloating over some delectable revenge upon this place and everyone in it. Across his outstretched hands lay the silver buttonhook.

I was aware that my mouth hung open. The scream wouldn't come.

A white flash. The back of my head seemed to explode. Then it was black.

The next thing was waking up in the pitch dark and hearing someone gasp and retch. And a man's voice saying over and over. "Oh my God. Oh my God." Then a woman: "Quick, get her head up. Her face. The blood. . ."

I remember wondering how they could possibly see anything in such a velvety darkness, and then I fainted.

By the time I came out of the hospital Mr MacAdam had long since returned from Europe and had arranged a very generous settlement for me. Poor man, he was shattered. His voice cracked, and his hands shook. Oddly enough, he was more upset about my condition than about Kathy, who will be in the other hospital for the rest of her life, I presume. I visit her sometimes. I'd like to visit her more often, but it's hard for me to get around by myself still. And anyway, she'll only consent to see me on the nineteenth of each month.

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stitute the young ones of the Birmingham tournament the oldest is George Botterill. He is 26 years old. Slightly younger than him is the 25-year-old statistician, Simon Webb, who had a performance of solid worth at Birmingham and secured the first leg of his international master norm, beating three of his young rivals, Botterill, Corden and Mestel.

A year younger is the 24-year-old Martin Corden who is the holder of a post-doctoral fellowship in High-Energy Physics at Birmingham University. A player of great promise when he was at Oxford University, he has since revealed the cloven hoof of variability. He admits of no compromise and, when he is not playing for a win, he is, in Najdorf's phrase, "playing for a loss".

The remaining three young English players at Birmingham were all below 20 years of age. There was the Junior World Champion, Tony Miles, who suffered only one loss in the tournament. This was a curious collapse against the American Chellstorp in a game where he made umpteen moves with his Queen and still had the temerity to avoid a draw by repeating moves and finished up by meekly surrendering the piece for a Knight. He figured in a three-way tie for second place and might well have won the Grandmaster norm if he had not lost this game.

John Nunn, the European junior champion, is 19 years and 11 months old, being Miles' junior by a couple of days. He had a precarious start in the event but made up for this by a fine second half spurt.

Finally there was the baby of the tournament, Jonathan Mestel, who is just over 18 years of age and played some of the finest chess in the event. He also attained the international master norm and it should not be long before he gets the full title.

For the record, first prize in the tournament went to the Yugoslav grandmaster, Matulovic, with a score of 11. Equal second were Matera (USA), Mestel and Miles (England) 10 and there followed Damjanovic (Yugoslavia) and S. Webb (England) 9, Haag (Hungary) and Janosevic (Yugoslavia) 8½, Bisguier (USA) 7½, Chellstorp (USA) 6½, Gasic (Yugoslavia) and Nunn (England) 6. Botterill (Wales) 5, Cafferty and Corden (England) 4½, and Ball (England) 4.

Here is the very pleasing game Mestel won in the last round.

White: *J. Mestel*. Black: *J. D. Ball*. Ruy Lopez.

1 P-K4	P-K4	4 B-R4	Kt-B3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	5 P-Q4	KtxKP
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3		

Black loosens his position too much with this capture since it entails a marked weakening of the white squares. Correct is 5.., PxP.

6 Q-K2	P-B4	9 O-O	Kt-K3
7 PxP	Kt-B4	10 R-Q1	B-Q2
8 BxKt	QPxB	11 Kt-B3	B-Kt5

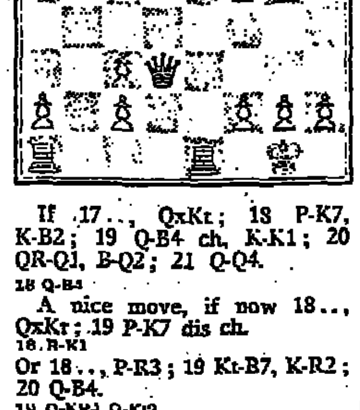
If 11.., B-K2; then 12 Q-Q3 as in the game; but preferable to B-Kt5 is 11.., B-B4.

12 Q-Q3	BxKt	13 PxB	P-KKt5

After 13.., B-B1 White can avoid the exchange of Queens by 14 Kt-Q4, and if then 14.., KtxKt; 15 PxKt, O-O; 16 P-QB4, threatening a pawn-roller by P-Q5 and P-K6.

14 B-Kt5	KtxB	16 P-K6	R-B1
15 KtxKt	Q-K2	17 R-K1	O-O

Position after Black's 17th move



If 17.., QxKt; 18 P-K7, K-B2; 19 Q-B4 ch, K-K1; 20 QR-Q1, B-Q2; 21 Q-Q4.

18 Q-B4

A nice move, if now 18.., QxKt; 19 P-K7 dis ch.

18 R-K1

Or 18.., P-R3; 19 Kt-B7, K-R2; 20 Q-B4.

19 Q-KR4	Q-Kt2	22 Kt-B7	K-R2
20 P-K7	P-R3		ch
21 Q-B4	K-R1	23 QR-Q1	Q-B3
ch		24 R-Q8	RxP
		25 Kt-Kt5	resigns
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Because of 25.., PxKt; 26 RxR ch, QxR; 27 Q-Kt8 ch, K-R3; 28 Q-R8 ch, Q-R2; 29 Q-B6, with R-R8 to follow.

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Friday 2 May 7.45 p.m.	WURTTEMBERG CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Jorg Faerber (cond.), W. Rösch, W. Roessmann, G. Egger, W. Bennett, T. Pinnock. Bach Overture, BWV 1070; Harpsichord Concerto, BWV 1052; Overture, BWV 1067; Concerto in D. £1.50, £1.25, £1.00, 75p — Basil Douglas Ltd.

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Sunday 20 April 2.45 p.m.	MICHAEL MUSKETT'S MUSEUM OF MUSIC STRINGS TO STRUM with Barry Mason, Glenda Simpson, Doreen & Michael Muskett. Lute, Ud, Vihuela, Cittern, Orpharion, Chittarone, Guitar & voice ALL SEATS SOLD — Michael Muskett
Sunday 20 April 7 p.m.	ENGLISH BACH FESTIVAL ENSEMBLE Marisa Robles, Alexander Abercrombie, Carl Pini, Rohan de Saram. Ravel Sonata, Tzigane; Introduction & Allegro Xenakis ST/4; Nomos Alpha. £1.20, 90p (all others sold) — English Bach Festival Trust
Monday 21 April 7.30 p.m.	JOSEPH URSHALMI Guitar Recital Johnson 2 Almans Sanz 6 Pieces from Suite Espanola Bach Suite No. 3 Albeniz Granada/Mallorca/Torre Bermeja Turina Homenaje a Tarrega Barrios Aires de Zamba Tansman 3 Pieces. £1.25, 85p, 60p — Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Tuesday 22 April 7.30 p.m.	THE DEVELOPMENT OF HAYDN'S KEYBOARD STYLE A lecture-recital by John Papadopoulos including complete performances of Haydn Piano Sonatas: No. 20 in C minor; No. 26 in A; No. 50 in C. £1.20, 90p, 60p — English Bach Festival Trust
Wednesday 23 April 7.30 p.m.	REDCLIFFE ENSEMBLE Philip Langridge, Christopher Keyte Conductor: William Bardwell William Bardwell Judecca £1.00, 80p, 60p — Redcliffe Concerts of British Music
Thursday 24 April 5.55 p.m.	THE INTERPRETATION OF BYZANTINE NOTATION An illustrated lecture by Simon Karas—the leading Greek authority on Byzantine Chant. 60p — English Bach Festival Trust
Thursday 24 April 7.30 p.m.	SIMON KARAS, LYCOURGOS ANGELOPOULOS (psaltes), Members of the Simon Karas Byzantine Choir. A concert of Byzantine Chant from manuscripts realised and introduced by Simon Karas. ALL SEATS SOLD — English Bach Festival Trust
Friday 25 April 5.55 p.m.	IANNIS XENAKIS talks about his works and in particular Metastaseis & Antikhthon to be performed later this evening in the Royal Festival Hall. ALL SEATS SOLD — English Bach Festival Trust
Friday 25 April 7.30 p.m.	AN EVENING AROUND CHARLES IVES Meriel Dickinson (mezzo-soprano), Peter Dickinson (piano). Programme includes: Ives Songs; first British performances of songs by Varèse, Carter; Dickinson Surrealist Landscape; Works by Satie, Berners, etc. £1.35, £1.00, 75p — John Woolf

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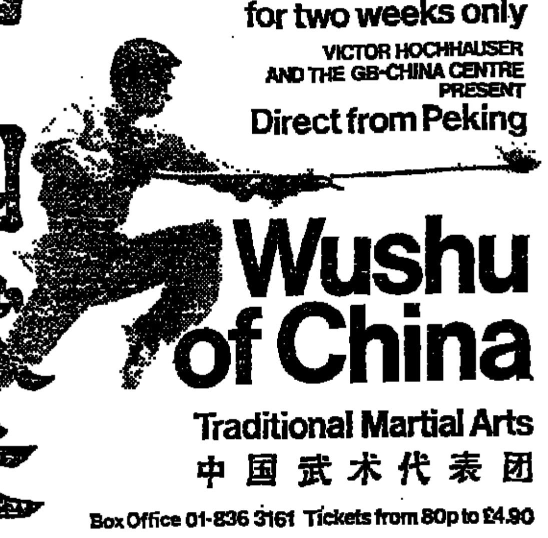

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Sunday 20 April 3 p.m.	KABI LARETEI Swedish pianist New Era Int. Concerts	Nielsen: Theme and Variations Op. 40 Beethoven: Sonata in D minor Op. 31/2 Chopin: Four Mazurkas Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue S.903 Works by Grieg and Saeverud
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Tuesday 22 April 7.30 p.m.	ROSETTI WIND ENSEMBLE Young Musicians Series New Era Int Concerts	Beethoven: Octet in B flat Op. 103 Matyas Seiber: Serenade Mozart: Serenade No. 11 in E flat K.375 R. Strauss: Suite in B flat Op. 4
Friday 25 April 7.30 p.m.	MANFRED FOCK young German pianist Liszt Stary Artists Management	Beethoven: Sonata in D minor Op. 31 No. 2 Schumann: Gesänge der Frühe Op. 133 Scriabin: Sonata No. 9 "Black Mass" Debussy: Estampes Shostakovich: Sonata No. 1 Op. 12
Saturday 26 April 7.30 p.m.	MARKUS STOCKER cello GERARD WYSS piano New Era Int Concerts	Brahms: Sonata No. 1 in E minor Op. 38 Bach: Suite No. 1 in G for solo cello Shostakovich: Sonata in D minor Op. 40 Joaquin Nin: Chants d'Espagne
Sunday 27 April 3 p.m.	CHESTER FANNING SMITH piano Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Schubert: Sonata in A Op. 120 Schumann: Abeng Variations Op. 1 Debussy: 3 Preludes Liszt: Mephisto Waltz Copland: Sonata Ravel: Sonatine
Wednesday 30 April 7.30 p.m.	LIVIU STANESE viola TAMAS VESMAS piano Basil Douglas Ltd.	Schumann: Fairy Tales Op. 113 Hindemith: Sonata Op. 11 No. 4 Lutyens: Sonata for solo viola Op. 5 No. 4 Brahms: Sonata in F minor Op. 120 No. 1

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BBC 1

9.00 am, Barnaby. 9.15, Lassie. 9.35, Why Don't You. 10.00, Homes from Home. 10.25, Kontakte. 10.50, The Virginian. 12.00, Camp Runamuck. 12.25 pm, Weather. 12.30, Grandstand: 12.35, Football Focus; 1.00, World Championship Ice Hockey: USSR v Czechoslovakia; 1.25, Boxing: ABA Championship Semi-finals. 1.50-2.20, Golf; US Masters. 2.30, Rugby Union Preview. 1.40, 2.05, 2.35, Racing from Newbury; 2.50, International Rugby Union: Ireland and Scotland v England and Wales; 4.35, Final Score, 5.05, Tom and Jerry.
5.20 News.
5.30 Today's Sport.
5.35 Dr Who.
6.00 Dixon of Dock Green.
6.50 Film: Rio Grande, with John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara.
8.30 Mike Yarwood.
9.00 Cannon.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day.
11.00 That's Life.
11.40 Karel Reisz—the Gambler.
12.20 Weather.
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BBC 2

7.40 am-1.30 pm, Open University:* Exocrine Secretion. 8.05, The Image in the Cloud. 8.30, Foundation Maths—Limits. 8.55, The Einstein Tower. 9.20, The Balanced Budget. 9.45, Renaissance Spectacle. 10.10, Pure Maths—Morphisms. 10.35, Biology of Polluted Water. 11.00, Carboxylic Acids. 11.25, Mining. 11.50, Computer Hardware. 12.15, Open Forum. 12.40, What is Truth? 1.05, Educational Decision-Making. 1.30-2.00, Gardeners' World. 2.45, Film: Mystery Submarine, with James Robertson Justice. 4.15, Love from A to Z. 5.05, The Money Programme. 5.50, Westminster. 6.20, Rugby Special.
6.55 News and Sport.
7.10 Anne Murray.
7.40 Pot Black: The 1975 Final between Graham Miles and Dennis Taylor.
8.10 A Legacy: part 4.
9.00 2nd House.
10.30 News.
10.35 Network.
11.05 Film Night.
11.35 Film, Under Capricorn, with Ingrid Bergman, Joseph Cotten.

London Weekend

8.55 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.20, Play Guitar. Saturday Scene. 9.45, The Lone Ranger. 10.15, London Bridge. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Rock on With 45. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Professional Cycling: Paris-Roubaix. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Six: 1.30, Thirsk. 1.45, Ayr. 2.00, Thirsk. 2.15, Ayr. 2.30, Thirsk. 2.55, Ayr. 3.10, Pub Sports Quiz, 1975 Final. 3.50, Half-Time. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results.
5.10 News.
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Film: Posse From Hell, with Audie Murphy, John Saxon.
8.00 Sale of the Century, with Nicholas Parsons.
8.30 Play: The Double Kill, with Gary Collins, James Villiers, Peter Bowles.
9.50 TV Times Awards.
10.30 News.
10.45 *Film: The Story of Esther Costello,* with Joan Crawford, Rossano Brazzi, Heather Sears.
12.40 am, The Man Who Found God on the Moon.

Southern

9.15 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.40, Play Guitar. 10.10, Play the Game. 10.35, Regional Weather. 10.40, Woody Woodpecker. 10.55, Tarzan. 11.45, The Geordie Scene. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, Film: Beneath the Twelve-Mile Reef, with Robert Wagner. 8.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.15, Kung Fu. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.15 Weather, Guideline.

Grampian

11.30 am, Elephant Boy. 12.00, Isla's Island. 12.30 pm, London. 6.45, Film: Fight on the Run, with Bob Hope. 8.30, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Police Story. 12.10 am. Evening Prayers.

HTV

9.40 am, Play Guitar. 10.05, Eastern Food in an English Kitchen. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Orbit. 12.00, Cricket in the Middle. 12.30 pm, London. 5.10, News. 5.20, Cartoons. 5.25, New Faces. 6.25, The Six Million Dollar Man. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film, The Case of the Mukkinese Battle-horn, with Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan. Dick Emery. 8.30, *London.* 10.05, Film, The City, with Anthony Quinn. 12.30 am, Weather HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 7.25-7.55 pm, Carreg Filltir. HTV WEST.—As HTV.

Westward

8.55 am, Gardening Today. 9.20, Play Guitar. 9.45, Sesame Street. 10.45, Rock on With 45. 11.15, Tarzan. 12.05 pm, Look and See. 12.10, Cartoon. 12.25, Gus Honeybun. 12.30, London. 6.50, Film, Carry On, Don't Lose Your Head. 8.30, London. 11.15, Film, 21 Days, with Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh. 12.35 am, *Faith for Life.*

Scottish

10.05 am, Play Guitar. 10.30, Cricket in the Middle. 11.00, Musical Triangles. 11.30, Tales of Edgar Wallace. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, Tarzan. 6.45, Film, Never Say Goodbye, with Rock Hudson, Cornell Borchers, George Sanders. 8.30, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20, Hec Ramsay.

Ulster

10.40 am, Play Guitar. 11.05, Skippy. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. *5.20, New Faces.* 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Des O'Connor. 7.20, Film, Pirates of Tripoli, with Paul Henreid, Patricia Medina. 8.30, London. 10.45, Film, The Devil and Miss Sarah, with Gene Barry, James Drury.

Granada

9.15 am Cricket in the Middle. 9.40, Play Guitar. 10.10, Cartoon. 10.30, TV Movie. 12.00, Rock on with 45. 12.30 pm, London. 6.50, Film: The Naked Spur, with James Stewart, Janet Leigh, Robert Ryan. 8.40, London. 10.45, *Film: Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man,* with Lon Chaney Jnr, Bela Lugosi.* 12.05 am, Man in a Suitcase.

Yorkshire

10.00 am, Cricket in the Middle. 10.25, Dodo. 10.30, The Beachcombers. 11.00, Lassie. 11.30, Cartoon. 11.35, Lone Ranger. 12.00, The Osmonds. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film: The King's Pirate, with Doug McClure, Jill St John, Guy Stockwell. 8.30, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Kung Fu.

Border

10.00, Cricket in the Middle. 10.25, Chess Masterpieces. 10.30, The Yellow House. 11.00, Film: The Golden Blade, with Rock Hudson, Piper Laurie. 12.30 pm, London. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, Border Sport. 6.50, Film: Escape from Zahrain, with Yul Brynner, Sal Mineo. 8.30, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, The Baron.

ATV

9.15 am, Gardening Today. 9.45, Play Guitar. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 6.45, Film: Carry on Follow That Camel. 8.30, London. 10.45, Documentary on food allergy. 11.15, Film: Seven Sinners, with Edmund Lowe, Constance Cummings.*

Anglia

8.55 am, Cricket in the Middle. 9.20, Play Guitar. 9.45, Alphabet Soup. 10.10, Film, Jumping Jacks, with Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis. 12.00, Woody Woodpecker. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Sale of the Century. 6.50, Film, Virgin Island, with John Cassavetes, Virginia Maskell, Sydney Poitier. 8.30, London. 11.15, Danger Man. 12.10 am, At the End of the Day.

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Play Guitar. 10.00, Cricket in the Middle. 10.25, Dodo. 10.30, The Beachcombers. 11.00, Lassie. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.35, Lone Ranger. 12.00, Woobinda. 12.30 pm, London. 6.20 Sales of the Century. 6.50, Film, The King's Pirate, with Doug McClure, Jill St. John. 8.30, London. 10.45, Discovery. 11.15, Kung Fu. 12.10 am, Poem to be Cast into the Sea in a Bottle.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Bruce Wyndham. 8.05, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00 John Peel. 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes. 8.30, Saturday Night.† 10.02, Pop Jury. 11.02, Alan Dell. 12.31 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, As Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, The Fred Astaire Story: Part 5. 1.02, Tony Brandon. 1.30, Sport on 2: Soccer commentary, racing from Newbury, International Rugby, Cricket. 4.42, Sports Report. 6.03, Star Sound. 7.02, *Hello Cheeky.* 7.30, As Radio 1.

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8.00 am, News. 8.05, Bernstein, Scott Joplin, arr Perlman, Gershwin.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven.† 11.00, The Positive World.† 11.15, Concert: part 3. Debussy, Tchaikovsky.† 12.02 pm, Stereo Release: Ravel, Faure, Ravel.† 12.55, News. 1.00, The Young Idea.† 2.00, Man of Action: Ian Stoutzker.† 3.00, Matinee Musicale.† 4.00 Jehan Alain.† 4.30, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.15 Beethoven, Schubert.† 6.10, Critics' Forum. 7.00, *Les Boréades:* Tragédie lyrique in five acts, world premier. Music by Rameau.† 8.15, Personal View. 8.35, Les Boréades, continued: Acts 3 and 4. 9.50, The Positive World. 10.05, Les Boréades: Act 5.† 10.50, Mozart Sonata in F major, for piano duet.† 11.25, News, followed by Weather.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming Today. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50-8.50, Today. 7.50, Keep Fit. VHF Regional News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, *News.* 12.02, Stereo Release.† 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, As Radio 3. 4.02, 4th Dimension. 5.00, Pet Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, These You Have Loved. 8.30, Play: The Terrible Connexion. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A word in Edgeways. 11.00, Lighten Our Darkness. 11.15, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.

London Broadcasting, 24-hour news and information station. 97.3 VHF, 261 M.

Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station. 95.8 VHF, 194 M.

Radio

Think positive

"No news is good news" is a saying which as far as the media are concerned ought to be read with a very special emphasis: "*No* news is good news. . . ."

I exaggerate, of course, but as one stares of a morning at one's preferred version of *The Daily Doom* across a plate of fusillading Rice Krispies, or *tunes in to the broadcasters* reporting for the seventh time that week the agonies of Vietnam, followed by bellicose noises from the Middle East, followed by a job lot of strife, cruelty, confusion, bafflement and despair, one may be forgiven for wondering if good news does indeed exist. Sometimes *there is a concession to* hope tacked on at the bulletin's end; sometimes, when the gold reserves have risen (in preparation for another plunge) or the Great Rift Trade Gap has closed sufficiently to permit a view of the mountains on the other side, these items feature in the headlines, but they have a kind of remote vastness and impersonality about them, they *do not cheer,* they certainly don't inebriate. Even if the United States made us a present of Fort Knox or the Gap became the Overlap, would your heart leap up?

Radio 3's *The Positive World* exists as one tiny, weekly check or counter to the predominant Gadarene movement of the major news programmes and I have heard it said that its very presence is a reproof to them, a protest because they have made such a very awful fist of balancing the woe that two men (Stephen Hearst and Donald Milner) have been moved to do it for them, if only for 15 minutes once a week in an obscure corner of Radio 3.

This too is an exaggeration: in my hearing the newsmen do attempt a balance, but the world is against them—there just is more bad news than good. What would be good news? I suppose among the best would be for nothing to be happening at all: "Well, here I am on the Golan Heights and there's nothing much to show you, I'm afraid, because both armies have withdrawn 10 miles and are quietly standing down." That might be *very good but it isn't very good* as news which, unless it can be isolated, seen, heard, talked about, has some difficulty proving its identity; news is primarily about activity and most of the world's action is in response to things going awry—to war, flood, famine, misery.

But there is activity also, isn't there, in creating things, in *trying to build them up or even* in maintaining a happy status quo . . . ? Of course, but comparatively this is a plodding, one-step-at-a-time sort of business. You might say that below a certain rather high level of bustle, our news detecting instruments are extraordinarily insensitive and it is, I think, below this level that *The Positive World* attempts to operate, concerning itself with matters which the main news has ignored or hurried by. Recently we have heard about such things as the small cells of internationalism contained in the Atlantic College and its brethren; an interview with Mrs Judith Hart back from a meeting on foreign aid and development; a report on a community development centre in Syria, that country which, to judge by other reports, exists solely in its role as enemy of Israel.

How does The Positive World make out? Is the programme a must for anybody listening? It it stimulating, memorable and compelling? No, it is not. It is an effort to listen to, it offers few rewards in excitement, drama and suspense—which is, after all, precisely what you would expect. The elements which hook you to the national and international news are not there, cannot be there and without them, you are—well, bored. At the same time, you probably wouldn't argue that what *The Positive World* reports is almost certainly of more use and sense than most of what the bulletins on radio and television will fling at you in the length and breadth of next week.

So what? I think one can work out some cautions from this discovery: that newsworthiness in the usual sense may well be in inverse proportion to usefulness; that if the news is predominately bad, this is not because nothing good at all is happening; nor is it because the newsmen have a talent for woe and nought else. I believe most news is the product of a conspiracy in which it is tacitly agreed that the broadcasters will not transmit and the audience will not pay attention to anything which, for most of its duration, is not fast-moving, hard-hitting and dramatic. The conclusion is that you and I, as members of that audience, get the news we have asked for and probably deserve. And *The Positive World,* solitary on Saturday, is there as evidence.

In fact it is not absolutely solitary: on Tuesdays there is *The Arts Worldwide* in which antiphonal news-reading techniques are applied to events in the arts collected by Tony Scotland and Nigel Lewis. It's possibly of interest, in the light of what I have just written, that the method alone creates a kind of drama; one finds oneself listening with a keen sense of significance to some snippet which outside its tiny corner of the world is frankly parochial; it is also worth noting that the items which stick in the memory tend to be bad news—like the threatened extinction of a German orchestra or the suppression of two Yugoslav magazines. By its *very existence, I suppose, this* improbably magnetic little programme illustrates an assumption of primacy for the arts. One could as well justify *Science Worldwide,* or Medicine or Innovation or Industry. . . . I don't think they would be in character: in its higher manifestations, arts is the world in which broadcasting likes to see itself.

David Wade

Sunday

Affairs of the Heart (ITV 10.15) finishes its present run of mixed successes with the promising Miss Tita starring Margaret Tyzack. There is a choice of three good films, with The Greengage Summer (ITV 7.55) the best, closely followed by the wartime Night Train to Munich (BBC1 8.15) and the modern Enter Laughing (BBC2 9.50). Sula (BBC1 5.15) is a new children's serial and the Glen Campbell Music Show (BBC2 8.15) has the American star in top form. The Shadow of a Gunman (BBC1 10.0) is a repeat of O'Casey's play.—T.S.

BBC 1

9.00-9.30 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.00-10.25, Kontakte. 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.30, The 60, 70, 80 Show. 12.00, I See What You Mean. 12.25 pm, Before the Ark. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Parents and Children. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Mr Benn. 2.10, Film, Shall We Dance, with Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers. 3.55, Little Toot. 4.05, Television Top of the Form. 4.30, The Wonderful World of Disney. 5.15 Sula.
6.05 News.
6.15 Anno Domini.
6.50 Appeal.
6.55 Songs of Praise.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film. Night Train to Munich, with Margaret Lockwood, Rex Harrison.
9.50 News.
10.00 Play, The Shadow of a Gunman, by Sean O'Casey.
11.25 Weather.
* black and white.

Regional variations as BBC 1 except: BBC WALES: 12.25-12.50 pm, Dewch I Siarad. 12.50-1.00, Interval. 2.10-2.35, Tomorrow's World. 2.35-3.05, Taste for Adventure. 3.05-4.05, Rugby Union: Swansea v Aberavon. 6.50-6.55, Appeal. 11.25, News. Weather. SCOTLAND: 6.50-6.55 pm, Appeal. 11.25, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.50-6.55 pm, Appeal. 11.25, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

7.40 am-1.05 pm, Open University*: Transistor Operation(1); 8.05, Fractional Distillation; 8.30, Covalent Compounds; 8.55, God said, Let Newton be; 9.20, Systems Management I; 9.45, Engineering Mechanics; 10.10, Open Forum; 10.35, Computers—Case Studies; 11.00, Forms of Social Interaction; 11.25, Curriculum Studies; 11.50, Measurement; 12.15 pm, Maths—Differential Equations; 12.40, Mugging.
6.15 News Review.
6.50 What's It All About?
7.25 The World About Us: A Sheltered Existence, narrator, David Attenborough.
8.15 Glen Campbell.
9.00 News.
9.05 A Thousand Instruments: The organist.
9.50 Film: Enter Laughing, with Jose Ferrer, Shelley Winters.
11.35 Closedown: Margaret Tyzack reads Rich and Poor by Thomas Love Peacock.

London Weekend

10.00 am, Morning Worship. 11.00, Mr Smith Meets the Planners. 11.30, The Addams Family. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Woody Woodpecker. 1.35, Out of Town. 2.05, The Big Match. 3.0: Cash and Company. 4.05, New Scotland Yard. 5.05, The Count of Monte Cristo. 5.35, Discovery.
6.05 News.
6.15 Private Lives.
6.55 Appeal.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 New Who do You Do?
7.55 Film: The Greengage Summer with Kenneth More, Susannah York, Daniel Darrieux.
9.45 Police one five.
10.00 News.
10.15 Play: Affairs of the Heart: Miss Tita with John Carson, Beatrix Lehmann, Pen Davies, Margaret Tyzack.
11.15 The London Programme.
12.15 am The Man Who Found God on the Moon.

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.00, Mr Smith Meets the Planner. 11.30, Regional Weather. 11.33, Farm Progress. 12.00, *Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Jim MacLeod.* 1.40, Hogan's Heroes. 2.05, Southern Soccer. 3.05, New Faces. 4.05, Boney. 5.00, Southern News. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, The Count of Monte Cristo. 6.05, London. 7.25, Man About the House. 7.55, Film: The New Interns, with Michael Callan, Dean Jones, George Segal.* 10.00, London. 11.15, UFO. 12.10 am, Weather, Guideline.

Grampian

11.00 am, Mr Smith Meets the Planners. 11.30, The Unguarded Moment. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Chan. 2.10, Scotsport. 3.25, Film: Apartment for Peggy, with Edmund Gwenn.* 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Big Country, with Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Charlton Heston. 10.00, London. 11.15, Police Surgeon. 11.45, Evening Prayers.

Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Cricket in the Middle. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10, Tarzan. 2.05, The Big Match. 2.05, Film: Doctor in the House with Dirk Bogarde, Kay Kendall. 4.35, The World of Snooker. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Woobinda. 6.05, London. 7.55, Ulster Sport. 7.58, Film: God's Little Acre with Robert Ryan. *10.00, London. 11.15, Musical Triangles.

Yorkshire

10.00, London. 11.30, Play Guitar. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10, Farming Diary. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.10, Football Special. 3.00, Film: Pimpernel Smith, with Leslie Howard. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London 7.25, Film: What a Way to Go, with Shirley MacLaine, Paul Newman. 9.30, On the Buses. 10.00, London. 11.15, Maude.

Westward

10.00, London. 11.30, Cricket *in the* Middle. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10, London. 3.05, Film: Diane, with Lana Turner, Pedro Armendariz. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Hitler, with Richard Basehart, Mario Emo.* 10.00-11.45, London.

Scottish

11.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Larry Looks Lightly. 2.10, Scotsport. 3.25, The Protectors. 3.55, Glen Michael. 4.40, Winner Takes All. 5.10, Elephant Boy. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London. 8.20, Film: Duffy with James Coburn, James Mason, James Fox, Susannah York. 9.55, Appeal. 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20, The Adventurer.

Granada

9.30 am, Checkmate, with David Nixon. 10.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, The Beachcomber. 1.40, Out of Town. 2.10, Football. 3.05, Film: Houseboat, with Cary Grant, Sophia Loren. 5.05, Discovery. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: 55 Days at Peking, with Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, David Niven. 10.00, London. 11.15, Strange Report.

HTV

9.35 am, The Sunday Quiz. 10.00, London. 11.30, The Beverly Hillbillies.* 12.00, Weekend World. 1.05 pm, Farming Diary. 1.35, Husband of the Year. 2.05, The Big Match. 3.05, Film: The Man Who Never Was, with Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame. 5.05, Elephant Boy. 5.35, Discovery. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Walk Don't Run, with Gary Grant, Samantha Eggar, Jim Hutton. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Unguarded Moment. 11.45, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 5.15-6.30, O'r Wasg. 6.30-6.55, Credaf. HTV WEST: As HTV.

Tyne Tees

9.35 am, Yoga. 10.00, London. 11.30, Roving Report. 12.00, Weekend World 1.10, Farming Outlook. 1.40, Making the Most of Your Garden. 2.10, Shoot 3.05, Film: Bye Bye Birdie with Janet Leigh, Dick Van Dyke. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Survival. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Khartoum with Charlton Heston, Laurence Olivier. 10.00, London. 11.15, UFO. 12.10, A Constant Friend.

ATV

9.30 am, Farming Today. 10.00, London. 11.30, Cricket in the Middle. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Platitude. 2.10, Star Soccer. 3.10, Film: Dear Mr Prohack, with Cecil Parker. 4.40, Pinnochio. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, The Count of Monte Cristo. 6.05, News. 6.15, London. 7.25, Film: The Big Country, with Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons. 10.00, London. 11.15 What the Papers Say. 11.30, The Gospel in Song.

Anglia

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.35, Weather Trends. 1.40, Farming Diary. 2.10, Match of the Week. 3.00, Film: Anna Karenina, with Vivien Leigh, Ralph Richardson.* 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, Lassie. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Major Dundee, with Charlton Heston, Richard Harris. 10.00, London. 11.15, Survival. 11.45, The Bible for Today.

Border

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Play Guitar. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Border Diary.* 1.15, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 1.40, Farming Outlook. 2.10, Football. 3.05, Film: The Wings of Eagles, with John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Dan Dailey, Ward Bond. 5.05, Winner Takes All. 5.35, The Rovers. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Knights of the Round Table, with Robert Taylor, Ava Gardner, Mel Ferrer. 9.30, New Who Do You Do? 10.00, London. 11.15, Il Maestro Cappella.

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Douglas Reeve.† 8.02, Cliff Richard. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Lee Travis. 5.00, The Story of Pop, Part 16. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Ralph MacTell. 7.30, Sounds Interesting† 8.30, Sunday Half Hour. 9.00, Your Hundred Best Tunes.† 10.02, Brass and Strings. 11.02, Jazz. 12.31 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, As Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service.† 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Hello Cheeky. 2.30, *Two's Best.*† 3.30, Hubert Gregg.† 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Tom Browne. 7.02, Tony Brandon. 7.30, As Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Bach and His Contemporaries.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Nielsen, Grieg, Buxtehude, Sibelius, Grieg, Svendsen.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, Lohengrin.† 12.35 pm, Words. 12.40, Tamas Vasary: piano recital. Beethoven, Chopin.† 1.45, Lohengrin, Act 2.† 3.05, Talking About Music.† 3.35, Lohengrin, Act 3.† 4.50, To Give an Education. 5.35, Mozart: Sonata in C major, for piano duet.† 6.05, Krenz, Szymanowski.† 6.55, Apprehensions: Selection of *poetry readings.* 7.15, Lutoslawski. 7.50, Play, Tavbridge by Gerry Jones with Glyn Houston, Elizabeth Morgan, Sion Probert. 9.00, A portrait of Lord Berners.† 9.50, Tyrwhitt-Tyrwhitt 9.55, Lord Berners continued.† 10.4 Sounds Interesting.† 11.25, News.

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7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Sunday Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service. 11.10, Week's Good Cause. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World This Weekend. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Now She Laughs, Now She Cries. 4.00, News. 4.02, A Lifetime of Music with John Amis. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, You Think You've Got Problems. 7.00, News. 7.02, Round Britain Quiz. London v Northern Ireland. 7.30, Praise of God. 8.00, Music to Remember. 9.00, News. 9.02, Brontë Stages: Part 5, Wedding Bells. 10.00, News. 10.15, This Island Now. 11.00, Epilogue. 11.15, News.

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The Times records of the month

Modern Monteverdi

teverdi: Vespro della Beata *gine. Soloists/Monteverdi* r and Orchestra/Salisbury edral boys' choir/Philip *s Brass Ensemble/Gardiner.* a SET 593-4. £6.50.

r: Le bourgeois gentil- ne. *Soloists/La Petite* e/Leonhardt. BASF BAC 9. £5.98.

: Anthems. King's College , Cambridge/St Martin's emy/Willcocks. Argo ZRG £2.99.

n: String Quartets, Vols 2 8. Aeolian Quartet. Argo 2 61-6. £7.95.

ts kind. I can scarcely ne a *better performance* onteverdi's Vespers than ne recorded for Decca by Eliot Gardiner. The char- of Mr Gardiner's Monte- interpretations is well by now: intensely vigor- dramatic in its use of ics and tempos, virile in m, and in no sense anti- in except in its care over l authenticity.

technical accomplishment narkable. Mr Gardiner's verdi Choir is surely the skilful and highly disci- of its kind: the attack er less than unanimous, e frequent tempo changes dy executed, words are articulated, and lines firmness and precision *eps textures properly dis-* The playing of the string ra is duly athletic and *lip Jones Brass Ensemble* eamly and accurately. It e hard to imagine better ging; *the two sopranos,* nez and Felicity Palmer, ith gently sensuous sing- the "Pulchra e.", and are several specially contributions from the Philip Langridge (who e "Nigra sum") and Tear—their "Duo sera- is most expressively

performance is essen- odern in feeling. It uses instruments, a modern between choir and ra, modern choral tech- (I cannot believe that erdi expected any such of choral athleticism); all Mr Gardiner's pro- are over the composer's ns there can be little that Monteverdi would been considerably sur- by what emerges. The ies of a string orchestra brass ensemble as well of a fairly large mixed would have been alien so might some of the apid tempos. We *are made too aware that* listening to a virtuoso ance of a big choral *This extroversion and* intimacy are the price to pay for a perform- f such brilliance and ent. The old Telefunken g offers less thrills and h an emotional tem- as well as dullish inging; but the smaller e authentic instrumen- mbles with the Vienna s Musicus, make it to a truer representation usic. The new version has a good, spacious recording, *with stereo well used to bring* home the antiphonal writing but some ill-advised distance effects.

Attempted authenticity, of course, is not necessarily a guarantee. The Lully box gives, on two records, his incidental music—actually a good deal *more than incidental—to Molière's "Le bourgeois gentil-homme."* Some of it will be *familiar in its* Straussian guise; here, as played by Gustav Leonhardt and La Petite Bande, it is done in something much closer to seventeenth-century style. The orchestra is the right size (16 strings, six woodwind, continuo), and the instruments and styles of playing them are suitably antique.

Yet I find it hard to believe that it ought so often sound so dull. Part of the trouble, I think, lies in the monotonously weighty accentuation, combined with a kind of cushioned attack, *in the dance music, which* is thus curiously ungraceful. And many of the vocal numbers are heavy-handedly humorous: no doubt the Turkish scenes and the rural-bumpkin ones seemed funny three centuries ago, but musical humour needs a Haydn's genius if it is to be more than ephemeral. The best things here are the tuneful dances and some of the more serious songs. The music would *all make better sense, and a* better effect, in the context of a theatrical performance, *along with Molière's spoken* text. The pleasure to be had from this is real but limited.

Blow was *not quite a Purcell,* but the anthems on the new King's record well represent his refined talent, his sense of form and his keen ear for choral sound. Biggest of the five pieces is the noble *God spake sometime in visions,* composed for the Peace of Ryswick and the public opening of the new St Paul's in 1697. Beautifully poised performances from the King's choir, with the usual clarity of articulation and some specially distinguished counter-tenor solos. The disc is worth having for its sleeve alone: an informative note from Bruce Wood on one side, a superb photograph from Harley Usill on the other—a dramatic, skew view of the King's organ and the fan vaulting.

Finally, a welcome to the latest addition to the *Aeolian* Haydn series. The style of those fairly early works is in a *sense harder to hit off than* that of the mature classical pieces; and the Aeolian catch *it well in their genial readings* of the Op 9 set particularly. With Op 17 the texture, or *rather the musical density,* thickens, and the playing properly has greater weight. There are one or two rough edges in the brilliant concertante writing in the later set, but nothing to put anyone off; and Emanuel Hurwitz's playing in the slow movement cantilenas of the earlier ones has a rare warmth, delicacy and intensity.

Stanley Sadie

Such beautiful melodies

Elgar on Record. Various artists and orchestras/Elgar. HMV RLS 713 (six records). £9.95

Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius. Nash/Ripley/Noble Walker/*Huddersfield* Choral Society/Royal Liverpool Philharmonic/Sargent. HMV RLS 709 (two records). £2.95

Bliss: Morning Heroes. Westbrook/Liverpool Philharmonic Choir/Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra/Groves. HMV SAN 365. £2.95

British Band Classics. Eastman Wind Ensemble/Fennell. Fontana 6747 177 (two records). £2.50

"My good people, I must *thank you warmly for the kind* way in which you have responded to my baton. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, but it is too late. I would like to wish you a Happy New Year, but it is even too late for that. Now, what *can I wish you. . . .*? Oh, yes: I wish you a *very penitential Lent.*" Thus Sir Edward Elgar with a twinkle in his pen after recording *Land of Hope and Glory,* his own arrangement of the National Anthem and an extract from his *The Banner of St George* (an extraordinarily banal cantata I once sang in at school) at Queen's Hall in February, 1928.

It shows the veteran, exigent composer for once reasonably satisfied with the results obtained in his extensive recording career. The quote comes from the greatly detailed chronicle in book form of that career made by Jerrold Northrop Moore, and generously included by EMI with this vast collection of the composer's own discs. If the *compilation and issuing of* Elgar on record has become something of a cult of which Dr Moore is the high priest, it must be admitted that there are very few bands in this huge issue one would want to be without, and we must thank *him and Anthony Griffith* who has done such wonders with the often-intractable material to rescue much, including Elgar of all things improvising at the piano and never before released, that might otherwise have lain for ever in obscurity.

And, make no mistake, as these and earlier issues have shown, Elgar had the undoubted gift of inspiring his players, when orchestral standards were by no means as high *as they are today, to give vital,* authoritative performances of his own music. I think not only of the marvellous account in 1930 with the LSO of the Straussian *In the South* overture or the fiery, sensitive *Froissart* with the newly formed LPO in 1933 but also of the loving performances of lighter pieces such as *Chanson de nuit* and *Chanson de matin,* made at the dawn of the electrical era yet lacking little in presence and beauty both as interpretations and recordings.

There are other treasurable things here—two sets of the *Pomp and Circumstance* marches, the earlier one (1926-27) having a brio sometimes *missing* by 1933, *two Cockaignes,* and with his last illness already on him, an amazingly fresh *Serenade for Strings* (the still-alert composer commented on the tests: ". . . they are good indeed—some weak bass on the second disc—I do not *know why.*"). *Then there are the* excerpts from *Caractacus,* supervised by the composer from his sick-bed in January, 1934, with Fred Gaisberg by his side, who noted Elgar's touching, typical, words as the orchestra began the second *part of the Triumphal March:* "I say, Fred, isn't that a gorgeous melody? Who could *have written such a beautiful* melody?"

As it happens the unsatis*factory parts of that box are* the extracts from *Gerontius* recorded live at the Albert Hall in 1927, and the composer never lived to make a complete recording. In 1944, 10 years after his death, EMI, in the form of Walter Legge, put that partly to rights with British Council help, and I recall the excitement when the set first appeared. Sargent caught something of Elgar's own intensity as a conductor, an intensity he failed to capture in his later LP recording of the work.

Indeed, no later performance, to my mind, is as fervent as this one, and it owes much of that fervour to the complete conviction with which Heddle Nash sang Gerontius. The booklet for this reissue, again written by Dr Moore, prints a copy of a letter from Elgar hoping that Nash would one day sing the role. In 1931, the hope was fulfilled, and under Elgar's baton after

Heddle Nash

which the composer inscribed the tenor's copy: "Many thanks to Heddle Nash". From *then on he was the* Gerontius of his day, and is unsurpassed in the role to this day. His spiritual commitment to the part expressed in eloquent, unstinted tone and flawless diction, is ideal, with a wonderful variety of feeling from the passion of "Sanctus fortis" through the calm of "I went to sleep" to the overwhelming power of "Take me away".

The other soloists were well chosen, as was the Huddersfield Choral Society, then at *the peak of its reputation* like the Liverpool Philharmonic. The same orchestra, now "Royal", plays for the new record of *Morning Heroes,* a performance much appreciated by the late Sir Arthur Bliss. Elgar's most recent successor as Master of the Queen's Music. It would be nice but untrue, to hail the work as a neglected masterpiece. Written in 1929 as a tribute to the composer's brother killed in the First World War it uncomfortably attempts a compromise between praise of heroes in battle and a horror of war. Also uncomfortably, it attempts to marry speech and music. Many sections exhibit the depth of feeling aroused in Bliss by the senseless slaughter of 1914-18, but the total effect of the five movements is diffuse and unconvincing, unhelped by choral singing that gives innumerable points to the Huddersfield singers in the *Gerontius* set.

The much less ambitious military-band music of Holst, Vaughan Williams and Walton, particularly Holst's atmospheric *Hammersmith: Prelude and Scherzo* gave me much more pleasure. Nobody has played these quirky, attractive pieces with more brilliance and understanding than Frederick Fennell's old Eastman Wind Ensemble, and the refurbishing of the original issues *has been faithfully done with* no loss of presence in the electronic stereo process.

Alan Blyth

A Mouse thrown to the winds

Strauss: Die Fledermaus. Holm / Janowitz / Wächter / Kmentt; Vienna Philharmonic, Böhm. Decca SET 540/1, £6.50.

Caballe: Operatic Arias. Decca *SXLR 6690.* £2.99.

Sullivan: Trial by Jury. D'Oyly *Carte Company.* Decca TXS 113. £2.99.

Up to the end of the overture Decca sound as though they are *on to a winner with their new Fledermaus.* Here is Strauss centenary year and to go with it Karl Böhm and the Vienna Philharmonic in their most urbane form. No hurry or rush for Böhm, he lets the music trip along, a virtuoso who shuns all signs of virtuosity, and he lets it be known that *Fledermaus* is a comedy *and not a farce. Praising the* strings of this orchestra is becoming as routine as stepping on a Number 11 bus, but again they are in peak form.

Once the singing starts, though, the chances are scattered to the winds like the gold dust at the end of *The Treasure of Sierra Madre.* We have little more than highlights from *Fledermaus, with no linking* dialogue between the numbers which are presented each in isolation. Anyone coming for the first time to Austria's greatest operetta, and there must be someone in that position, is likely to be baffled by what *is going on and there is* not much help in the indifferent, unsigned introduction to the libretto.

Böhm includes the *Thunder and Lightning Polka* at Orlofsky's party, which makes for pleasant listening but which is strictly irrelevant. Side four is very lightweight, with no Frosch, and the unravelling of the tangled ends seems even more peremptory *than usual.* But it does have a bonus in the shape of Erich Kunz's *Governor Frank* returning to his Vogelbaus after a night with some other birds; Böhm and the orchestra add ironic background comments.

Kunz, who played the same role on the RCA set, is delicious. But Eberhard Wächter, who was also in that recording conducted by Leinsdorf, has become a blustery Eisenstein and is no match for the fly philanderer Nicolai Gedda offers on the most recent *Fledermaus* before this Decca issue, EMI's recording under Boskovsky. Indeed most of EMI's singers outpoint their Decca rivals. Fischer-Dieskau is superior to Heinz Holocek as Falke; Brigitte Fassbander's bored young prinicling Orlofsky makes the casting of Wolfgang Windgassen in the same role look merely eccentric, which indeed it is; EMI's Alfred, Dallapozza, is allowed to show a touch of class by singing "Wintersturme" outside Rosalinde's window while Decca's Waldemar Kmentt is never given a chance to build up a character.

Both recordings share the same neat Adele, Renate Holm, and Decca have a *plus in Gundula* Janowitz, who copes with Rosalinde's music much more easily *than Anneliese* Rothenberger although she misses that lady's sense of intrigue. I shall stay with EMI's set and indeed with Clemens Krauss on Decca's old Ace of Clubs label while remaining grateful to Böhm.

Montserrat Caballe's new recital, also on Decca, needs no hedging qualifications; it is a superb demonstration of a soprano technique right from the amazingly held final note of "Caro nome" at the end of the first track. There are no rarities here, simply eight familiar arias *from the Italian repertory* which is taken to include, I'm happy to say, *Vespri Siciliani.* "D'amor sull'ali rosee" makes one impatient to hear Caballe's Leonora at Covent Garden on Tuesday; Amelia's "Morro, ma prima in grazia" (*Ballo*) is given an almost Aida weight; by contrast the whole of Amina's final scene from *La sonnambula* has the simplicity which conceals true art. There is nothing very striking about the recording quality or the playing of the Barcelona Symphony, but Mme Caballe *is on* top form.

Decca also celebrate the centenary of *Trial by Jury with a* new recording. John Reed (the Judge) and Kenneth Sandford come from the *Trial of a decade* ago and both, understandably, sound as though they have aged *a bit. I prefer Thomas Round's* eloquent Defendant on the earlier issue to Colin Wright on *this new one;* but Michael Ravner, who has taken over the Counsel from Mr Sandford (now the Usher) makes a fine, firm job of his role. The RPO play very respectably for Royston Nash and for good measure add in Sullivan's *Macbeth* overture, placed bizarrely before *Trial,* and the incidental music to *Henry VIII,* which comes rather more logically afterwards.

John Higgins

Little masterpieces and virtuoso larks

Kodály: Piano Works. György Sándor. VOX STGBY 680. £1.99.

Rubinstein. Piano Concerto No 3 in G, Op 45.

Kabalevsky. Piano Concerto No 3 in D, Op 50, "Youth". Robert Preston/Westphalian Symphony Orchestra, Paul Freeman. Ember ECL 9037. £1.49.

Josef Hofmann Plays Beethoven. Saga 5392. 95p.

Liszt: Operatic Transcriptions. Sylvia Kersenbaum HMV HQS 1342. £1.65.

Mozart: Works for Piano and Violin. Ingrid Haebler, Henryk Szeryng. Philips 6500 143; 6500 144, 6500 145. £2.46 each.

Bach: Sonatas and Partitas for solo violin. Nathan Milstein DG2709 047. £8.10 (three records).

No one at the cremation of that distinguished piano teacher and friend of all young musicians, Ilona Kabos, is ever likely to *forget the affecting* moment at the end when a mysteriously dark, brooding piece of piano music, recorded by herself many years back, *emerged from some hidden* gramophone speaker like music of the spheres. Subsequent enquiries revealed it to be the Epitaph (No 4) from Kodály's *Seven Piano Pieces,* Op. 11, all linked in spirit by the Verlaine quotation prefacing the third, "Il pleure dans mon coeur comme il pleut sur la ville." Debussy-indebted as they may be, they are still little masterpieces crying out for rescue on the concert platform.

These and the Nine Piano *Pieces,* Op. 3, more varied in moods and textures, provide the main substance of György Sándor's welcome new record of Kodály's piano music (*complete but for a few schoolroom* miniatures), with the exciting Marosszék Dances (subsequently orchestrated) as reminder of what helped to give Kodály's early love of French impressionism—as notably exemplified in the "Méditation sur un motif de Claude Debussy"—so attractively individual a twist. With the temperament and technical strength to burst into flame as well as smoulder, Sándor, a compatriot, pupil and friend, plays with convincing personal involvement. But keyboard tone, as so often from Vox, lacks warmth and body.

Curio-collectors (even if not hi-fi fanatics) will be glad to see Anton Rubinstein's third piano concerto added to the catalogue's fast-growing list of *nineteenth-century virtuoso* larks. Within its class, the slow movement is a little gem. The finale, too, starts off almost as bravely as Tchaikovsky's in the same key. But it is difficult to imagine how Brahms's predecessor as conductor of Vienna's dignified *Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde* could have tolerated a tune like the first movement's *second subject*—even remembering that Johann Strauss was the city's uncrowned king. Besides lavishing love on the Andante, Robert Preston dispenses bravura with a flourish—also in that twentieth-century Russian equivalent by Kabalevsky entitled "Youth".

The last of the great regularly to play Rubinstein's concerto was his pupil, Josef Hofmann. His Beethoven recital, described as a "modern stereophonic recording recreated from piano rolls", is chiefly memorable for the *Turkish* March from *The Ruins of Athens* (transcribed by Rubinstein). Not even *synthetic* roll sound can stop the Lipatti-like finesse behind the sparkling *buoyancy and colour from* coming through. The C major sonata as reproduced here *lacks urgency and intensity but* has an irresistible innocence all the same. After an insufficiently calm Adagio, the "Moonlight" gets nearest to true Beethovenian voltage in the finale.

Sylvia Kersenbaum's Liszt programme calls for a Rubinstein and Hoffman rolled into one. This young Argentinian is scarcely that. The "Grande valse infernale" from Meyerbeer's *Robert le Diable* most notably reveals hard labour. But always she seeks out the music behind the notes, and offers an enjoyable "Spinning Chorus" (Wagner's *Dutchman*) and "Polonaise" (Tchiakovsky's *Onegin*) besides some good things in the more romantically expressive parts of the notorious Hexameron written when keyboard-tigering was a far more competitive blood-sport than today. With agreeable recorded tone, the disc is fairly placed in the medium price bracket.

So much for the bargain shelf. Back in the top-price group, Mozart lovers should not overlook the dedicated pilgrimage through the sonatas and variations for piano and violin now coming from Ingrid Haebler and Henryk Szeryng. *Even in the maturer works* demanding "just as skilful a player on the violin as on the *clavier*" (*as a contemporary* critic put it), a great load of responsibility rests with the *pianist in not betraying* which instrument Mozart always loved best. Haebler is as fine a partner as anyone could hope for. Mellow-toned, fastidious and subtle, she understands the true Mozartian secret of *multum in parvo.* Szeryng's purity of tone and style are also ideally suited to Mozart, not a composer needing passionate special pleading. Fast movements tingle without being over-driven. Slow movements have just the right extra subjectivity, not least the *exquisite, chromatically in*flected, Rondeau (*Andante grazioso*) from K302 in E flat, and the *Andante con moto* from K380 in E flat, where Mozart achieves another of his many heart-easing G minor miracles. The recording is just right for the style of the playing.

In an interview printed in the booklet that goes with his box of Bach's solo Sonatas and Partitas Milstein is quoted as saying "I think (they) are clearly superior to the set I did in the '50s. There is nothing in my repertoire that I don't play better than before—simply because of the added experience I have now—and it is especially gratifying to be able to record these works under today's technical conditions." What impresses most is the simpleness and self-effacing purity of his mature approach. The performances do not spring at you off the discs like those of Heifetz, who invariably prefers faster tempo to make lively movements more brilliant, and allows himself much more flexibility of pulse, besides the occasional portamento, extract the fullest romance from slower music. Nor does DG engineering impart as much resonance to the tone as Heifetz gets from RCA. Milstein, in fact, could be said to be preaching to the converted. But for those with ears to hear, the playing is as perceptive as it is poised: audible intakes of breath betray his deep involvement. But since there was no shortage of space, why not a separate band for each individual movement?

Joan Chissell

Opera on tape

Decca has at last entered the lists (in both senses) with no less than five operatic issues of sets that have recently appeared on record. The wait has been worthwhile. The sound on all five is comparable with the disc equivalents. To the usual advantages of the new medium over the old, there is the additional one that most of *the sides are longer than those* of the originals. Thus Solti's *Magic Flute* (K2A 4, £9.75) fits *neatly on to two cassettes,* as do the Sutherland/Milnes *Rigoletto* (K2A 3, £9.75) and the Sutherland / Caballé / Mehta *Turandot* (K2A 2, £9.75), although, as will have been noted by the astute, there is no saving in price. The Kurajan *Bohème* (K2B 5), which appeared on two discs, also takes two cassettes, but as there is correspondingly less music, the set retails at £7.50.

Decca has *found a reasonable* compromise over the problem of librettos. In small cassette *containers, it has not always* been easy to accommodate a libretto that is readable. The Decca boxes for these operas are therefore a little larger than those of other companies, and the booklets are correspondingly more substantial, although of course they do not have the lavish illustrations of their record equivalents. The boxes are also of a size that will eventually be able to hold the *projected Wagner issues.*

Musically speaking, I was disappointed a little with the Karajan *Butterfly* (K2A 1, £9.75), which on repetition I find too self-indulgent as a performance particularly in direct comparison with his marvellous *Bohème.* I had not previously encountered the *Magic Flute* set. With the cassettes "cut" at a high level, it seems almost as if the singers, especially in the dialogue which they thankfully speak for themselves, were actually in the room with one, and the whole performance, whatever reservations one has about some of Solti's tempi, has real theatrical presence. Mehta's *Turandot,* too, is not to be missed; the cassette sound here is superb.

Two recent major issues from EMI are also to hand. In Boult's *The Apostles* (TC-SLS 976, £7.95), the choral definition is an improvement on the records, and the whole performance comes across with as much dedication as in its earlier form. EMI has also sensibly collated the best of Kempe's Strauss albums and issued them on two cassettes (TC-SLS 899, £7.95). Here the Dolby process seems to have taken some of the bloom off the string tone, but with the Dolby button on my deck "our", the sound has more of the original freshness

Alan Blyth

Early Schoenberg and later Weill

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ho find Schoenberg's ic as inviting as a bed should be reminded colossal cantata *Gur-* is an early work in -Wagnerian vein of *Nacht* often reminis- *Wagner's Götterdäm-* r *Parsifal* in harmony atic character, or of *A Mass of Life.* So, ny Schoenberg works d out of the record , the pampered collec- choose between three of *Gurrelieder* any hich would have been elcome in the past. w one conducted by Boulez is the only ording: its rivals, both at public concerts, ucted by Kubelik for by Ferencsik for EMI. obtains the most uphonious, sumptuous f the music, wonder- ll, evenly balanced *coruscating in the introduction* or in Tove's first solo, delicate as a feather in the Summer *Wind section.*

The acoustic of West Ham Central Mission is disappointing as recorded by Robert Auger. The solo singers appear to be placed in the distance: Marita Napier, a skilful but tonally uneven Tove, and Jess Thomas, a sirenuous Waldemar, especially tend to be swamped by orchestral sound, their voices robbed of vivid presence though blurred by reverberation. The male-voice chorus is lusty but short on musical detail, though the iron chain rattles vividly. Gunter Reich's speech-song solo (he resorts, untraditionally, to real song at the end, including a fine top A) is outstanding, and recorded most successfully; so too is *the concluding full* chorus. Siegmund Nimsgern's firm, resonant baritone makes *much of the peasant's mono-*logue, though he too suffers from the prevailing acoustic. Yvonne Minton is an expressive noble Wood-Dove.

The EMI set is memorable for Martina Arroyo, Janet Baker and Julius Patzak, the DG for Kubelik's forceful account of the score (Boulez is more indulgent): if you have one of these, well and good. A first-time customer should certainly listen to the new CBS; its virtues are considerable if not quite overwhelming.

The 1958 complete *Threepenny Opera* in German, supervised by the composer's widow who also sang Pirate Jenny (rather than her original role of Polly Peachum), *is still* available on two records but will presumably now be deleted in favour *of this repressing which also* finds room for nine other Weill songs (from *Mahagonny, Happy End, Berlin Requiem,* and *Silbersee*) taken from a double album recital only ever part-issued here. *The bonus is* real even if the songs do not take kindly to being excerpted (and Lotte Lenya sang those from *Mahagonny* and *Happy End* more pointedly in the complete recordings) and though the box has lost the essays on *Dreigroschenoper* while retaining biographies of their authors. The performance of the opera is marvellously evocative of its period, and has indeed become a modern classic of the gramophone.

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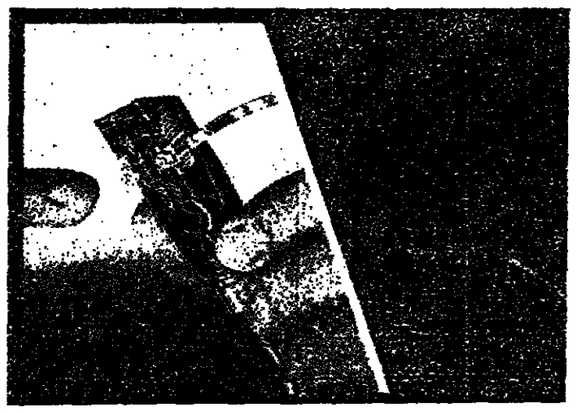

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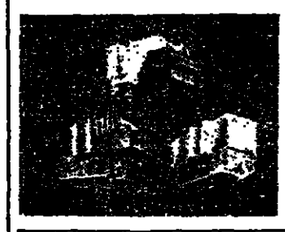

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PRINCE OF WALES. 930 8681. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Wed., Sat. 3.0. JAMES STEWART "BLISSFUL" D. Tel. in HARVEY "Super show . . . sheer delight"—People. "Will draw the town, deservedly so"—Sunday Telegraph. "HEARTWARMING TRIUMPH" E.N. LIMITED SEASON ONLY

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RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75

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SHAW. 388 1394. Evgs. 7.30, Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Hywel Bennett, Ruth Dunning, Caroline Mortimer in NIGHT MUST FALL by Emlyn Williams. Directed by Nigel Patrick.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.30, 8.30. Doris HARE, Leo FRANKLYN, Richard CALDICOT, Andrew SACHS NO SEX PLEASE—WE'RE BRITISH Directed by ALLAN DAVIS "Hysterically funny."—S. Times

THEATRE UPSTAIRS. 730 2554. Prevs. from Wed. at 8.15. Opens April 29 at 7: Subs 8.15. PARADISE by David Lan.

THEATRE WORKSHOP, Stratford. 8.15. 534 0310. Eves. 8. Mat. today 4.30: BLOODY MARY Swashbuckling female piracy

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Tues. 3.0. Sat. 5.30, 8.40. MILLICENT MARTIN, AMANDA BARRIE in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR "BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR." Evening Standard Award '73.

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WESTMINSTER 834 0283. Evgs. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. NIGEL PATRICK DULCIE GRAY PETER SALLIS PETER VAUGHAN BRIAN WILDE in Hit Thriller THE PAY OFF "Immensely enjoyable, undiluted pleasure. Witty. Exciting."—S. Times.

WHITEHALL. 930 6692/7765. 5th Year. Evgs. 8.30. Wed., Sat. 6.15, 8.45. PAUL RAYMOND'S PYJAMA TOPS

Last 3 weeks. Must close May 3. SNATCH 69 Previews from Tuesday. May 6. Opens Mon., May 12.

WINDMILL THEATRE 437 6312. PAUL RAYMOND presents FIONA RICHMOND in LET'S GET LAID twice nightly at 7.0 & 9.0

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028. Evenings 8. Sat. 5 & 8.30. Mats. Weds. at 3. PAUL SCOFIELD as Prospero "SHOULD NOT BE MISSED ON ANY ACCOUNT." B. A. Young, F.T. (Limited Season). THE TEMPEST

YOUNG VIC (by Old Vic) 928 6363. Tnt. 7. Wed. to Fri. 8. ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (final perfs.).

TALK OF THE TOWN 01-734 5051. From 8.15. Dining and Dancing. AT 9.30 Revue A TOUCH OF VENUS And at 11 p.m. FRANKIE VAUGHAN

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. ABC 1: Mel Brooks YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Wk. & Sun. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Tonight 11.30. ABC 2: MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Tonight 11.25.

ACADEMY ONE. (437 2981). Satyajit Ray's DISTANT THUNDER (A). Progs. 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.45.

ACADEMY TWO (437 5129). Marco Leto's BLACK HOLIDAY (A). Progs. 1.0, 3.30, 6.0, 8.30. Last 5 days.

ACADEMY THREE (437 8819). Fel Corti's THE REFUSAL (A). Progs. 6.30, 8.45. Sats. 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

CASINO. 437 6877. MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL (A). Progs. at 1.35, 3.20, 5.10 and 8.55. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30 p.m.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414). PAPILLON (AA) in 70 mm. Cont. Progs. Dly. 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Sun. 4.00, 7.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.00.

CURZON W.1. 499 3737. Bunuel's PHANTOM OF LIBERTE (X). Progs. 2.05 (not Sun.) 4.25, 6.30, 8.40. Late Sat. 11 p.m. Phone bookings.

GATE CINEMA Notting Hill. 727 5750. OCCASIONAL WORK OF A FEMALE SLAVE (X). 2.30, 5.55, 9.05. 12.15. & FEAR EATS THE SOUL (AA). 1. 4.15. 7.30. 10.35.

ICA. Mall. 930 6393. 7.0 WHAT NEXT? (U). Tmrw. 3.0 Pabst's THREEPENNY OPERA (A). 7.0 Fassbinder's FEAR EATS THE SOUL (AA). 9.0 Resnais's LAST YEAR AT MARIENBAD (U).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). See, Hear, Feel "TOMMY" (AA). The film event of the year. Sep. Perfs. 1.30, 4.30, 8.0, Sun. 4.30, 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. All seats bkble. 01-930 0410.

MINEMA, 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225/6. Louis Malle film LACOMBE LUCIEN (AA) (French Subtitles) British Film Awards BEST FILM

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738 2771). Dirk Bogarde, Charlotte Rampling THE NIGHT PORTER (X). Sep. Progs. Wk. 1.45, 5.00, 8.20. Sun. 4.30, 8.20. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. All seats bookable. From Thursday 24th April SHAMPOO (X). Sep. Perfs. Daily. All seats bookable. Box office now open.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). Streisand & Caan FUNNY LADY (A). Sep. Perfs. Mon-Fri 2.30, 8.00. Sat. 12.30, 4.00, 8.00. Sun. 4.00, 8.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. All seats bkble. Box office open 10.30-8.00. Tel. 930 0415.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011-2) THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT (U). Sep. Perfs. 1.30, 5.00, 8.15. Sun. 4.00, 8.15. Late show Sat. 11.45. All seats bkble.

CINEMAS

ODEON ST. MARTINS LANE (836 0691/1811) BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? (U) Cont. Progs. Wk: 3.30, 5.45, 8.05. Sun: 5.45, 8.00.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. A BIGGER SPLASH (X). Starring David Hockney, a masterpiece not to be missed Progs.: 4.15, 6.30, 8.45. Sat. & Sun. 2.15, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

PRINCE CHARLES. Leic Sq 437 8181. The Sensational London EMMANUELLE (X). Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late shows 11.45 Fri. & Sat. Seats bkble—Lic'd Bar.

SCENE 2. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.). 439 4470. Cont. Progs Dly. from 12.30. Lt show 12.05 (inc. Sun.). YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs. 12.30, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.45, 12.05.

SCENE 3. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470 THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.00, 5.20, 8.40, 11.45. Seats bkble. All perfs.

SCENE 4. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. 2nd YEAR. THE FILM EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00, 11.30. Box Office Open Daily. 10-8. Sun. 12-8. Seats bkble. All Perfs.

STUDIO TWO, Oxford Cir. 437 3300. Walt Disney Productions' THE ISLAND AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD (U). Perfs. 1.15, 3.50, 6.25, 9.00. Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too (U). Perfs. 12.25, 2.55, 5.30, 8.05.

TIMES CENTA, Baker St. Stn. 935 9772.
1 THE VALLEY (X) daily. 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 8.55. Late show Fri. & Sat. 10.30. Sun. from 3.10.
2 A BIGGER SPLASH (X) daily. 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.00. Sunday from 3.00.

WARNER WEST END, Leicester Square. Tel.: 439 0791.
1 Tony Curtis in LEPKE (X). Cont. Progs. Wk. 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.20. Sun. 3.30, 5.50, 8.20. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.00. £1.60 seats bkble.
2 Steve McQueen, Paul Newman THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. 1.15, 4.35, 8.05. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.35. £1.60 seats bkble.
3 Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft THE PRISONER OF 2ND AVENUE (A). Sep. Perfs. 2.50, 5.50, 8.50. Late show Sat. 11.00. All seats bkble.

EXHIBITIONS

GLC ART EXHIBITIONS: Marble Hill House, Richmond Road, Twickenham: TURNER'S ILLUSTRATION OF THE POETS. Closed Friday. 12 April-1 June. Rangers House, Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath: THE SUFFOLK COLLECTION. The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane: LADY MAUFE COLLECTION. For further details of all exhibitions telephone 01-348 1286.

ART EXHIBITIONS

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ANTHROPOS GALLERY, specialists in Ethnic Art, 67 Monmouth St., Upper St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2. 01-836 8162. Europe's finest collections of New Guinea & Eskimo Art. Open Mon.-Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-midnight. Sun. 1-7 p.m.

BRITISH MUSEUM. Drawings by MICHELANGELO, Feb. 9-April 27. Wkdys. 10.00-5.00. Sun. 2.30-5.

BROD GALLERY 24 St. James's St., S.W.1. 839 3871. EXHIBITION OF ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS April 11-25. Daily 10-5.30. Sats. 10-12.30.

CAMDEN ARTS CENTRE, Arkwright Road, Finchley Road, NW3. 01-435 2643. CAMDEN ANTIQUES FAIR 1975. APRIL 10th-19th—A UNIQUE HAMPSTEAD EVENT. Admission 30p. Mon.-Sat. 11.30 am-7.30 pm. Sun. 2.30 pm-7.30 pm.

CHRISTIES CONTEMPORARY ART 1, Albemarle St., W.1. 01-499 1507. MIXED CONTEMPORARY GRAPHICS Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30. Sats. 10-1.

COLNAGHI'S, 14 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-491 7408. The Early Etchings of GRAHAM SUTHERLAND and Romantic Landscape Etchings and Woodcuts in England from 1850-1931. Until 10 May. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30.

DAVID ELLIS-JONES, 50 South Molton Street, Brook St., W.1. 01-629 4454. KURT SELIGMANN—SURREALIST. Mon.-Fri. 2-6 p.m. (or by appointment).

DM GALLERY, 72 Fulham Rd, S.W.3. (Tues.-Sat.) Paintings Eddy, Posen, Twombly, Estes.

AT FISCHER FINE ART ZEBRA The famous group of Super Realist Painters—fearless of eccentricity, have their tenth anniversary and first British exhibition. Mon.-Fri., 10-5.30; Sats., 10-12.30.

GALLERY 21, 13a Grafton St., W.1. 01-493 6832. Mixed Exhibition of Works by Calder, Clave, Dine, Miro, Picasso, Tapies, Vasarely and others. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30. Sat. 10-1.

GIMPEL FILS, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. MARLOW MOSS 1890-1958. Opening April 15.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, S.E.1. (Arts Council) TREASURES FROM THE BURRELL COLLECTION 19 March-4 May. THE REAL THING: AN ANTHOLOGY OF BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHS, 1840-1950. Until 4 May. Mon.-Fri. 10-8. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 12-6. Adm. 50p. Children, Students and OAPs 25p (10p all day Mon. and 6-8 Tues.-Fri.).

ICA, The Mall, SW1. MAN RAY paintings, photographs, objects. Tues. to Sats. 12-8. Sun. 2-6. Cl. Mon.

LEFEVRE GALLERY An Exhibition of Paintings and Watercolours by GRAHAM SUTHERLAND Weekdays 10-5. Saturdays 10-1. 30 Bruton Street, London, W.1. 493 1572-3.

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MARJORIE PARR GALLERY, 285 Kings Road, Chelsea, SW3. SHLOMO CASSOS. Paintings and Tapestries. Until April 26th. Open all day Saturday. Closed Mondays.

MAYOR GALLERY, 14 South Molton St., W.1. 493 8778 JEAN VIOLLIER Surrealist paintings.

MOORLAND GALLERY, 23 Cork St. W.1. 01-734 6961. EQUESTRIAN BRONZES by Pamela du Boulay. April 10th-25th. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-6.0.

N. R. OMELL GALLERY EXHIBITION. The Williams Family of Painters. From April 9th to May 9th, 6 Duke Street, St. James's, S.W.1. 01-839 6223-4. Daily 10-6. Sat. 10-12.

PARKIN GALLERY 11 Motcomb St., S.W.1. 235/8144. THE LONDON IMPRESSIONISTS April 11-May 3

REDFERN GALLERY WILLIAM DELAFIELD COOK New Paintings, 3-24 April, 20 Cork Street, London, W1.

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ROBERT BEVAN Landscape Lithographs 1919-22 WILLIAM WESTON GALLERY 7a Albemarle St., W.1. 493 0722.

ROYAL EXCHANGE ART GALLERY 14 Royal Exchange, E.C.3. 01-283 4400 LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION Until 16th May, Mon.-Fri., 10-5.

ROY MILES FINE PAINTINGS 6 Duke Street, St. James's London, S.W.1. PEOPLE AND PLACES AN EXHIBITION OF ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN PAINTINGS Until 9th May 01-930 8665. Mondays to Fridays. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS. THE PRIVATE ROOMS AND COLLECTED TREASURES. Until 31 Oct. Wkdys 10-6 (closed Tuesdays). Suns. 2-6. Adm. 50p. And JOHN ARMSTRONG A.R.A., 1893-1973, until 27 April. Wkdys. 10-6. Suns. 2-6. Adm. 30p. Students and pensioners half-price.

SABIN GALLERIES 150 EARLY ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS SPRING EXHIBITION Opens April 22nd. 9.30 a.m. 4 Cork Street, W.1.

SERPENTINE GALLERY, Kensington Gardens, W.2. (Arts Council) JASPER JOHNS DRAWINGS and JOHN HOSKINS SCULPTURE until 20th April. Daily 10-7. Adm. free.

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THE FERNELEYS OF MELTON MOWBRAY 2nd until 25th April at ACKERMANNS Old Bond St., London W1X 3TD. Tel. 01-493 3288. 10-5.30 Daily. 10-1 Sats.

THE WADDINGTON GALLERIES 2 Cork St., W.1. 439 1866. ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG HOARFROST Daily 10-5.30. Sats 10-1. Ends 3rd May.

TRYON GALLERY, 41 Dover St., W.1. 01-493 6161. Exhibition of Flower Pictures. April 14th-25th. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-6.00.

UPPER STREET GALLERY 248 Upper St., N.1. Till April 25 MARCELLA AVEDON—Paintings

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM. SW7. THOMAS GIRTIN BICENTENARY EXHIBITION. Until 20 April. Adm. free.

WADDINGTON GRAPHICS 31 Cork St., W.1. 01-439 1866. ROBERT MOTHERWELL PRINT RETROSPECTIVE Daily 10-5.30. Sats 10-1. Ends 3rd May.

ZELLA 9 PRINT GALLERY, Fulham Rd. PHIL GREENWOOD. Exhibition of Etchings. Open Sun. 10-9 pm. 01-351 0588.

15 CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE. AUGUSTUS JOHN. Paintings and Drawings. Wkdys. 10-5. Sun. 2-6. Adm. 30p.

Travel

Home from home in old Amsterdam

Predictably enough, the three most popular tourist capitals of Europe are London, Paris and Rome—currently in that order, but liable to fluctuate from year to year. The surprising fourth favourite is Amsterdam, but I say "surprising" only for the benefit of those who have never visited the city, and might rate Vienna or Madrid or Lisbon as next in line.

I recall my own visit many years ago, with a wife and three-year-old child, and our delight in discovering a small "family" hotel on the banks of the Leidse Gracht. We spent two or three days there. The hotel suited us exactly, being near the tram route which took us in one direction to the museums and in the other to the central station and swift trains to wherever we fancied. Once it was Rotterdam and once we went to Madurodam, the miniature city. The hotel also supplied good food, especially those capable Dutch breakfasts—boiled eggs and rolls, cheese and ham, coffee and jam—which set you up for a sightseeing day.

The couple who owned the hotel had small children of their own and plenty of understanding. They would commandeer our daughter, waving us off for an evening to ourselves, insisting that baby-minding was a pleasure. And so we would gratefully go, discovering the Indonesian restaurants—*rijsttafel* meals which thoroughly overwhelmed us with their variety—wandering the bright streets of the Rembrandtplein and Leidesplein districts and venturing into the city's "red light" district around the Zeedijk.

Since that brief interlude, many years ago, we have revisited Amsterdam frequently and, every time, vowed to call in at the hotel near Leidse Gracht. But every time, for one reason or another, our good intentions have been frustrated. There are times when I wonder if it really existed, but it certainly did, for scores of similar establishments are to be found in the city, catering for visitors on a modest budget and providing a home away from home atmosphere.

This year they will be hard pressed, as will all of Amsterdam's hotels, for the city is celebrating its 700th birthday with a 12-month jubilee party. So Amsterdam will have even more to offer—concerts, plays, competitions and exhibitions, in addition to its regular attractions. I have no space for complete details here, but would mention the exhibition to be staged between June 24 and 29, providing six days of dancing and feasting in the RAI congress area, transformed by reconstructed houses to provide a traditional Dutch market square. A sailing festival is to be held from August 15 to 20 and the Holland Festival, an annual affair, is to be staged in the city this year with an impressive line-up of participants, including the Nederland Dans Theatre and the Concertgebouw Orchestra.

A crowded year for Amsterdam, then. And all this in addition to its usual attractions. For me, as for most visitors, the museums are high *on the list and* these will be mounting special efforts for this special year. In fact, on October 27, the city's "birthday" the newly-renovated Amsterdam Historic Museum will be opened.

High above all, the Rijksmuseum, arguably the world's most impressive gallery with an unequalled collection of Dutch art—Jan van Sorel, Hobbemas, Vermeer, Koekkok, Hals and Rembrandt. All are there, familiar through their reproduction, and yet possessing a quality that cannot be reproduced. Most impressive of all, perhaps, is room 224 with the huge painting showing the company of Captain Frans Banning Cocq and Lieutenant Willem van Ruytenburch. That is its proper title. Its nickname is *The Night Watch*.

There are some 40 museums in Amsterdam and one could spend one's entire time travelling between them, visiting Rembrandt's house, the van Gogh museum, the Nautical museum, the Stedelijk, full of modern art, and, most poignant of all, the Anne Frank Museum.

So much, so very much, to see. And each visit enables one to sample a new part of Amsterdam. Sightseeing from water level, travelling on a glass-topped boat along the canals, is the regular "tourist" thing to do, but each time one takes the hour-long 75 pence trip it provides another unexpected aspect of the city's way of life.

"Dutch is not a language, it is a kind of throat infection", a Dutch friend once declared, making a joke to explain why nearly everybody speaks English. For most visitors this multi-lingualism is an advantage.

So is the food offered in hotels and restaurants and so, long years ago, was the currency, for at 10 to the pound the Dutch florin was worth two shillings and made light work of conversions. Now the rate is around 5.75 to the pound—times have surely changed.

Amsterdam is a pleasant city, and one which will surely welcome a record number of visitors this year of its birthday—a day which commemorates the date on which the inhabitants of what was then a tiny village were granted exemption from tolls. In 1973 and 1974, the visitors came in fewer numbers than before, but the anniversary celebrations should reverse the trend.

For those who like their travel and hotel arrangements made for them, a crop of tour companies feature holidays to Amsterdam—23 that I know of, and almost certainly a dozen more I have yet to encounter. Time Off Ltd (2a Chester Close, Chester Street, London, SW1X 7BQ) has a flexible programme of short break holidays, offering travel by air or by train and boat, and stays of between two and seven nights in one, two or three star hotels. The one star—like that hotel from years ago—are pleasant and comfortable and three nights on bed and breakfast terms costs £43.95 per person when travelling by train and boat. For just 90p more one can travel by air on special low cost flights. In the two and three star hotels, half-board accommodation is available.

Among other companies offering holidays to Amsterdam, Sovereign offer three and seven night arrangements for between £39 and £106, depending on the hotel and the time of year. These holidays, using British Airways jets from Manchester and London, are part of Sovereign's "European Cities" programme. Inghams, on the other hand, call their selection "City Explorers", and fly from Gatwick on three and four night holidays—from £53 to £60. Blue Sky also use Gatwick and offer three and seven night holidays for between £43 and £82.

There are, indeed, an almost infinite number of Amsterdam holiday combinations, with air or surface travel, a choice of hotels and departure points. A travel agent will supply details. If you choose to make your own arrangements, however, a good first step would be to get information from The Netherlands National Tourist Office at 143, New Bond Street, London, W1Y OQS.

John Carter

Amsterdam: A jubilee to mark 700 years.

Travel extra

Gentility to treasure

"Is only five minutes", said the taxi driver. "You can walk." Predictable dialogue in New York, maybe; surprising in Madrid, that erstwhile haven of manners and mañana. But we were marooned in a six-lane traffic jam, and since so many of the main thoroughfares are one-way, the taxi-driver's advice was in fact perfectly valid, if unhappily phrased. Given a cool head in crossing huge roundabouts of scything traffic, it *is* quickest to walk.

Along Castellana or its parallel neighbour Serrano, you can do as the Madrileños do: punctuate your perambulations at the various bars which dispense drinks of all kinds from coffee to fresh lemonade, sherry and wine to beer and cognac. And the boutiques and costume jewelry to be found in this part of the city, especially on and off Calle Goya, are good value.

It is at the far end of Serrano—number 122 to be precise—that one can combine two of Madrid's still signal pleasures: a small and most interesting museum, and one of the best of its cafés. The museum—the Lazaro Galdiano—is a formerly private collection, and still so housed. The documentation is almost nonexistent (there are no catalogues in either English or French); so it is with delighted surprise that one comes upon a magnificent Guardi; a Gainsborough, a Lawrence, a Reynolds and a Romney in a salon to themselves; some Turner aquarelles, a pair of Tiepolos, a Zurbaran, some El Grecos, and a series of Goya sketches.

The museum is open in the mornings only, and closes at 1.15 pm, the perfect moment to cross the street and repair to José Luis for lunch. An alternative, on the same side of the street as the museum, is Hevia. Here, you can have either lunch or dinner, and there are comfortable tables on the pavement where you can get your shoes shined (another old-fashioned pleasure)

In search of old Madrid, explore the streets which lead from Plaza Santa Ana and wind through Calles Echeragay and Cruz, meandering—though it is quite a long meander—to Plaza Mayor. This, the square within which bulls were once fought, saints canonized and heretics burned, is the heart and soul of it all, and an admirable vantage point from which to ruminate and observe over an aperitif. I make no apology for suggesting one of Madrid's most famous restaurants—El Botin—near by because it is, quite simply, one of the oldest and best.

For a dash of pure nostalgia, visit the bar Lhardy, on San Jeronimo 11. Of mid-nineteenth century vintage, it has an old fashioned, spendidly atmospheric restaurant on the first floor. At street level, you walk into a salon with moulded ceilings, clouded mirrors and long zinc counters, arrayed with delicious sandwiches and pastry. At the end of it stands a sideboard with glasses and some 20 different bottles of sherry.

The most engaging aspect is that there are no bills; you simply tell the cashier what you have eaten and drunk, and pay as you leave. Such old world gentility, such flattering reflection upon the integrity and courtesy of the patrons, is something no Spaniard would consider unusual; and in Madrid's leap from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century, it is a nugget to treasure.

How to get there: Weekend trips (Friday to Monday) from £70, with accommodation at Hotel Melia Castellana: VSI Travel, 10 Beauchomp Place, London, SW1. Telephone 581 0292. Three and four-night trips, Thursday/Sunday, Sunday/Thursday, from £50 (April 10/May 15 only) with Inghams Travel, 329 Putney Bridge Road, SW15. Telephone 789 5251. Both on bed and breakfast basis, both using scheduled airlines, including British Airways who resume their own Sovereign Holidays in October.

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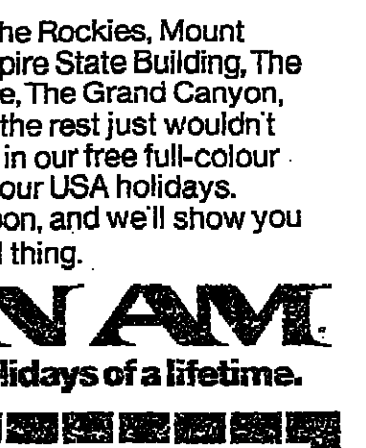

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but he wanted it to be
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lly French *jardin potager*
the fruit trees trained in
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as single, double or triple
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of flowers or vegetables,
several tiers against walls
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to be planted with veget
and flowers as one sees
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trees duly arrived at
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—a gold medal garden
urse; you probably re
er it.
dentally, the precious
trees took an awful beat
cause on their way home
t from London up the
to Paris they got caught
up in a dock strike, and I think many died. Still, that's a risk you take if you send anything perishable to Britain.

Now I am not suggesting we should all start training fruit trees, although there is a lot to be said for low horizontal espalier apples or pears with their branches only a foot or so off the ground. There were lovely low espaliers around the beds in the vegetable garden of the unlamented Hermann Goering's residence at Blankenese, outside Hamburg, which we obligingly looked after for him, using it as an officers club, until he had no further use for it.

I have often thought that low, espalier trees of, say, Doyenné du Comice pear, which needs warm nights at flowering time, would be worth trying as one could easily cover them with plastic sheeting at this crucial time.

I do suggest, however, that we might loosen our rigid British insistence on segregating our fruits and vegetables from our flowers. There is really no reason why the fruits and the vegetables should be apologetically screened off by a hedge from the rest of the garden. I draw a distinction, of course, between planting hedges for shelter purposes, to temper the wind to our young vegetables.

But to me there is something very satisfying in a well ordered, well kept vegetable garden—the more so if it has flowers, standard roses, for example, and low hedges of box, lavender or santolina. Many other plants—standard roses or standard fuchsias, for example, may be planted in beds of vegetables, and of course many other flowers may be used as edgings or interspersed with the vegetables.

For example, one can have small beds of carrots or leeks, beetroot or even onions interplanted with gladioli or annual asters for cutting. Or one can alternate beds of vegetables with beds of cutting flowers—dahlias, chrysanthemums and the like. I know that small beds such as these would not be a practical proposition for a large garden where cultivations are done by some kind of motor cultivator. But even in a large garden part of the vegetable section could be treated in this way.

Conversely, although it may be more difficult for us to accept such a break from tradition, it is easily possible to plant many vegetables in the parts of the garden devoted to beds and borders of ornamental plants. Globe artichokes, for example, may be planted now in groups of, say, three in a flower bed or border. The foliage is attractive all through the year, and when the heads have been picked you cut the stems down to the ground and the plants look handsome right until the end of October when we cut down the foliage.

Globe artichoke plants of the variety Gros Vert de Laon may be obtained, price 35p each including postage, minimum order six plants, from F. A. Secrett Ltd, Milford, Godalming, Surrey. Plants will be sent out until the end of April.

Then if you have a few square feet to spare you could sow or plant four or five sweet corn in a block, say 18in apart each way. I shall be going more deeply into sweet corn next week, but if you have any empty spaces in beds or borders you could earmark them for sweet corn.

There is usually a foot or more of space around a rose bed, or in front of a shrub border. Why not plant chives, sow spring onions, beetroot or carrots. These are reasonably ornamental and would not interfere very much with the other occupants of the beds or borders.

Runner or climbing French beans need not take up an inordinate amount of space. A pole with several beans growing up strings around it, as I described recently, can be often fitted in an odd corner.

Another interesting way with runner beans is to grow them up a series of arches over a garden path. You just drive in pairs of bean poles, one each side of the path, and connect the tops with a piece of stout wire bent over in a half circle and tied to the top of the poles. The effect is quite attractive, you use very little space, and you do not have to walk on the ground much as you can pick most of the beans from the path. Set the pairs of poles about three to five feet apart.

There are many odd corners in most gardens where a few lettuces, radishes and other small vegetables may be popped in.

The British Group of the International Garden Centre Association, which now has 120 garden centres throughout the country, selects a "plant of the *month*", and for May it has chosen the *Rhododendron yakushimanum* hybrids. These are dwarf compact plants about four feet high, and the range of colours includes pale yellow, pink, dark red, also bicolours. They are derived from *R yakushimanum* which was found on the mountains of the Japanese island Yakushima and introduced to Britain in 1926. These hybrids, of course, need an acid soil.

Roy Hay

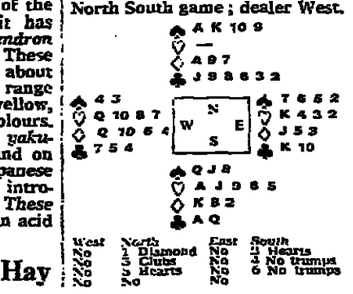
Bridge

History in the making

I have long claimed that there is as much luck in duplicate as in rubber bridge; so I am justified in presenting, rather late in the day, one aspect of the famous Board 92 of the last World Teams Championship. It is important to recall that with 32 out of 96 deals still to be played the United States had been leading by 156 to 110 international match points and were proving themselves no weaker than their opponents, the long-standing Italian champions who recovered their best form to take a two-point lead on Board 86 and were forging ahead to victory.

On Board 92 which temporarily stunned analysts in five continents the Americans were happy to have bid and made Six No trumps which can scarcely be described as an ideal contract.

North South game; dealer West.



West	North	East	South
No	1 Clubs	No	1 Diamonds
No	2 Spades	No	2 Hearts
No	3 No trumps	No	4 Clubs
No	4 Diamonds	No	4 No trumps
No	5 Diamonds	No	5 Hearts
Double	Redouble	No	5 Spades
No	6 No trumps	No	7 Clubs
No	No		

North's hand was limited, by his employment of convention, to a maximum of 16 points, and his partner with 17 points was therefore not interested in seeking more than a small slam. South had protected his weakest suit from a deadly lead by his forcing response of Two Hearts—deadly only if the ♣K proved to be over the ♣A; so, without an opening lead of a heart, Six No trumps was as good a speculation as Six Clubs. In fact, West led the ♣5 against Six No trumps, and the ♣10 fell to the ♣Q. When the ♣K fell to the ♣A it only remained to count the score.

The Italian bidding, which I reproduce for the record, through some misunderstanding persuaded South to attempt a grand slam in Clubs.

West	North	East	South
No	1 Clubs	No	1 Diamonds
No	2 Spades	No	2 Hearts
No	3 No trumps	No	4 Clubs
No	4 Diamonds	No	4 No trumps
No	5 Diamonds	No	5 Hearts
No	6 No trumps	No	7 Clubs
No	No		

North and South were Belladona and Garozzo, long acclaimed as the greatest pair in the world, and they had no reason to jeopardize the championship which was almost in their grasp. East led the ♡2, ruffed by declarer who finessed the ♣Q, cashed the ♣A dropping the ♣K, and brought off the kind of speculation in which champions are not expected to indulge.

Bridge writers are fortunate in having an International Bridge Press Association which through a monthly bulletin helps them to see both bidding and play in their true perspectives. I am glad to express my gratitude to Albert Dormer, its editor, for drawing my attention to an article on this deal by the great Swiss analyst Jean Besse. He pointed out the possible effect on the declarer's reconstruction of the hands and subsequent play if East had followed suit to the first Club lead with the ♣K instead of the ♣10. Belladonna might then have assumed West to hold ♣10 7 5 4 and attempt to pick up West's ♣10 7 5 by shortening his own clubs by means of Heart ruffs.

To reach the requisite end position the ♣Q must not be played until declarer has cashed his winning Diamonds and Spades. South's last three cards being ♡J, ◇8 and ♣Q opposite ♠A ♣J and ♣9. The ♠A would be ruffed with the ♣Q and North would remain with ♣J 9 over an imaginary ♣10 7. Unfortunately for him, when the ♡J was led from dummy and ruffed with the ♣9 East would then overruff with the ♣10.

Since East did not find the brilliant defence suggesting that he held the singleton King of trumps, justice cannot be described as blind.

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Hungarian white wines, even when cheap, possess a certain elegance and polish that distinguishes them among the many of south-eastern Europe. Pecs Reisling, which retails in many *outlets* (at *post* Budget prices) for around £1, is well known, but another from the same shipper, called Gabor, is a little drier and with more style, useful for apéritifs. (Gabor Hungarian Riesling £1.03 from John Kirby, 209/210, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne, Berks.) Then there is a straight Sauvignon, Cuvée de la Pierre, from Mottron, of the upper Loire, a very good example of an inexpensive wine made from this classic grape, with sufficient body to make it suitable for drinking with most food requiring a white wine, but crisp and fruity enough to serve by itself. (Cépage Sauvignon, Cuvée de la Pierre, is available by the case from Hatch, Mansfield, 64/65 Cowcross Street, EC1 for £14.42. They cannot supply wines except in *dozens*, but can arrange mixed cases, although each case must have a minimum of 6 bottles of one wine.)

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From the same firm, there is the non-vintage white Burgundy of Chanson, marketed as Cuvée Voltaire. This is higher in price, but a remarkable example of a really fine dry, medium-bodied white wine from the Chardonnay, made by a first-rate establishment; many a Meursault or Puligny has less vitality and graciousness and this wine would enhance an important meal, although it is sensitive enough to be drunk by itself. The same firm do a non-vintage Cuvée Voltaire red Burgundy, which I can praise with equal enthusiasm. (Amigo Dry White Rioja, £1.07, Chanson Cuvée Voltaire non-vintage white Burgundy, French-bottled, £1.54, from Adnams, Sol Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk.)

Alsatian wines are still rather the Cinderellas of white wines in the United Kingdom, outstanding in value, yet easily appreciated and with great versatility. You can drink them at any time, although the Rieslings are excellent with trout and the Gewurztraminers with richer fish. Edelzwicker is a blend of the grape varieties categorized as "noble": Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Muscat, Pinot Blanc, Tokay d'Alsace and, often, Sylvaner, though not all these varieties may be involved.

An Edelzwicker called Les Menetriers seems to me to have sufficient firmness to go with light meals, plus the sort of fragrance and crispness that make it a pleasant aperitif or between times drink, and it is being offered on a list of special low priced table wines by the case, by Norton & Langridge. The same company quotes a Spanish-bottled white Valdepenas from one of the largest producers of the region: this is rather full-bodied and right for fairly spicy buffet foods, rich fish pâtés or any of those recipes that combine poultry and shellfish, but its dry finish and sunny bouquet make it quite acceptable to drink alone. (Alsatian bottled Les Menetriers, Edelzwicker, £12.84 per case. La Cruzado Blanco 1971 Valdepeñas, £10.80 per case, from 79 Pentonville Rd, Islington, N1. Their retail outlet at Mitre Court, Wood Street, EC, can supply single bottles of both for £1.07 and 90p respectively.

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The Khmer Rouge are the masters, but the question of who will be head of state remains unanswered

What role will Prince Sihanouk play in the new Cambodia ?

Bangkok

Following the defeat of the Phnom Penh government by the Khmer Rouge, the victors face the difficult task of accommodating the various factions which made up the anti-government forces. For the moment, the trials of senior officials of the Lon Nol Government by "peoples courts" will occupy a good deal of energy while the real problem of governing Cambodia is being dealt with.

The Khmer Rouge and the leader of the government in exile of Prince Norodom Sihanouk have all along categorically refused to negotiate with the Phnom Penh government, believing that it was so inhereutly corrupt and inefficent that it did not represent enough of a force to be reckoned with, let alone a partner in any attempt at a coalition government.

Many senior officials of the Phnom Penh Government remained behind, saying that they hoped to play a part in the future of their country, but it is doubtful whether the new government will be in any mood to reach accommodations with them either.

The unanswered question is to what extent the government will be under the control of Prince Sihanouk's Government as opposed to the Khmer Rouge forces which have been bearing virtually the entire military burden since the North Vietnamese reduced their participation in 1972. Since then, often without sophisticated military equipment, the Khmer Rouge have managed to gradually strangle the Phnom Penh Government until this final dry season offensive when their tactics finally paid off.

The rebel forces have been a factor in Cambodian affairs since the early 1950s, when Cambodian leftists fought alongside the Viet Minh in the war against the French. Somewhere between several hundred and several thousand Cambodians are thought to have gone to North Vietnam after the 1954 Geneva Conference. This group is believed to be the most uncompromizing towards Prince Sihanouk, and many of the people who went to North Vietnam 20 years ago are believed to have returned shortly after the 1970 coup in Cambodia.

During the 1960s a number of French educated Marxists emerged in Phnom Penh politics only to head for the jungle when Prince Sihanouk blamed some of them for peasant uprisings in Battambang Province in 1966. The third influence on the movement stemmed from Prince Sihanouk and some of his entourage who followed him to exile in Peking where he quickly established the united front which coordinated the various strands of opposition to the rightist coup in Cambodia.

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No foreign observer has a clear picture of how these various factions will work together in the new government, despite elaborate reasonings that some of the Khmer Rouge are pro-Peking while the real hardliners owe their primary allegiance to Hanoi. Reports from the territory held by the Khmer Rouge suggest that intensive efforts were made to communalize the peasantry along doctrinaire communist lines. This and the obvious dependence the movement has both towards Peking and Hanoi suggest that talk of a neutral Cambodia in the future is little more than an aspiration at this stage.

About 60 countries now recognize Prince Sihanouk's Government as the legitimate one in Cambodia with the latest being India, France, and Australia. Prince Sihanouk has obviously played an important role in gaining this support during the years in exile and this, plus the extent to which the Chinese have maintained close relationships with the Prince, suggest that he still has an important role to play.

Of late, the Prince has made quite clear that the Khmer Rouge are the real masters of the new Cambodia and that he aspires to be a non interfering head of state. With his near magical effect on many of the peasantry, observers are at a loss to know how the Khmer Rouge will deal with him, except that it is assumed he will be kept on a tight leash.

One important indication of the direction the new government will head is whether the Prince makes a speedy return to Phnom Penh and also how the government responds to its neighbours—particularly Thailand. If the government decides to make amends for Thailand's close ties with the United States and extends the recognition which the Thais would be grateful to receive, this may indicate a willingness of the new leadership to assure the non-communist South East Asian countries of its desire to be independent of Hanoi.

Such conjectures must be heavily countered with the observation that at least 600,000 Cambodians have been killed and wounded in the past five years of war and that such scars do not prompt instant forgiveness—either internally or externally.

Bruce Palling

The passion of a broken race who still wait for justice

This coming Thursday, right across the world—in New York, London, Beirut, Erevan, even Bombay—Armenians will be marching, demonstrating and holding commemorative rallies. The demonstrations are likely to be peaceful; but the embassies and airline offices of Turkey, the object of their protest, are certain to be specially guarded, in case a hot-head tries anything spectacular

Sixty years ago on Thursday the genocide of the Armenians in the Turkish Empire began. There were at the time about one and a half million Armenians in Turkey, mostly concentrated in the eastern provinces—a region known as Turkish Armenia. The First World War was nearly six months old for Turkey; the previous month had seen the repulse of the Allied naval attack on the Dardanelles. Suddenly and quite unexpectedly, on April 24, 235 Armenian community leaders in Constantinople were rounded up, taken to the interior and killed. This was a prelude, designed to render the community leaderless: and within a few months nearly all towns and villages had been emptied of Armenians.

Right across the Turkish Empire the pattern was similar, showing that the plan was government-inspired. First the men were driven some way from their town, and usually shot or bayonetted on the spot; then the women and children were forced to walk towards the deserts of northern Syria and Mesopotamia. Those who survived were crammed into enormous open-air concentration camps (the most gruesome of which was at Deir ez-Zor), where they died in terrible suffering.

In 1916 Russian forces from the Caucasus pushed westwards and captured much of Turkish Armenia by the summer, reaching Erzindjan in July; but the land they occupied was empty of Armenians. Those who had been lucky enough to flee to Russia the previous year were repatriated; yet most of them returned only to die shortly afterwards, either in the Turkish offensive following the Russian Revolution, or in the seething lawlessness in Anatolia after the First World War. Today there are but a tiny handful of Armenians left in eastern Turkey.

What was the motive for the mass-killings of 1915, which amounted to "genocide", even though the word was not coined until 1944? Apologists for the Turkish Government's policy cite the fact that most Armenians in the Empire were secretly hoping for an Allied victory, and that a number of them had fled to Russia to form Armenian partisan units; that a plan for an uprising in Zeitun, not far from the Gulf of Alexandretta, had been hatched with Russian help; and that Armenians in Van, very close to the Russian border, were in revolt against the Turkish military governor.

Yet none of this constitutes grounds for a carefully organized genocide, executed over a number of months. Armenians for their part claim that the mass-killing was the result of a well-laid plan, and that the Turks had only been seeking a pretext (given to them by the Armenian defiance at Van) to put it into operation. While there is no direct evidence for this, it seems quite likely since a chauvinistic and expansionist ideology had gripped the Turkish leadership in the years immediately before the war. This was *pan-Turkism* — the ambition to unite all the Turkish-speaking peoples throughout the world. To accomplish this would entail the flattening-out of those non-Turkish peoples who stood in the way.

An influential pan-Turkist thinker was Ziya Gökalp, who held that there were three steps necessary for achieving this programme: first, the Turkish government should turn all the different nationalities within the Empire into homogeneous Turks—in the words of a British ambassador, "pounding all the non-Turkish elements in a Turkish mortar"; secondly, the empire should expand eastwards as far as the Caspian (and capture Baku, with its oil wells), to "recreate" the medieval Turkish realm of Oghuz—here, typically, a historical myth was used to justify the real-politik of racism and expansionism; and thirdly, all the Turkish-speaking peoples from Constantinople to Siberia would be united. Those that stood in the way would inevitably be crushed.

This was the vision that had cast its spell upon the Turkish dictators in the First World War, especially the two main ones: Enver Pasha, the cold and fanatical Minister of War, and Talaat Pasha, the relentlessly cruel Minister of the Interior. The Armenian killings put Turkish Armenia out of the way, so that the Turks could concentrate on Baku—which they duly captured in September, 1918.

After the war, no Turkish leaders were tried for war-crimes, even though a number were briefly interned by the British in Malta. The modern Turkey of Atatürk, which emerged as the old regime tottered and collapsed, can claim (like Dr Adenauer's Germany) not to be responsible for the crimes committed by the country's former rulers.

But modern Kemalist Turkey has never even acknowledged that a centrally administered mass-killing took place. On the contrary, there is a memorial to Talaat in Istanbul, and a street named after Ziya Gökalp in Ankara. This explains why many westernized, capitalist Armenians still regard Turkey as an unmitigared foe, but look on Soviet Armenia with a degree of pride and pleasure.

On Thursday, as the Armenians remember their dead, they will also be calling for Turkey at least to acknowledge that the former government instigared the 1915 genocide. Some too will be demanding the return of their lands.

In the present international situation, with Nato and the Soviet Union baring their teeth at one another across the frontier which divides Turkish and Russian Armenia, this is hardly realistic. But if recognition of the crime were made, it would be belated and meagre justice for the hundreds of thousands who died on the burning plains of Mesopotamia almost 60 years ago.

Christopher J. Walker

Photographs by Bill Warhurst

The village that nearly died until it put Ltd. after its name

Letters from America, Europe and many parts of Britain have been flowing into Llanaelhaiarn, a small one-school, one-pub village beneath Yr Eifl mountain in north Wales. The letters wish the 300 villagers luck in their struggle for survival. Meanwhile, communities in rural Wales and other parts of Britain watch with interest to see if this village holds the key to their own futures.

Llanaelhaiarn was dying. Lack of work, depopulation, and the arrival of second-home owners was eroding the fabric of the place. To fight back, the villagers turned their village into a limited company to provide jobs and homes. Only they are entitled to buy the £1 voting shares and they can have only one share each; but anybody can buy loan stock at 9 per cent.

Now, after it put Ltd after its name, Llanaelhaiarn has a sense of hope and self-confidence, where once there was apathy. Its plans for a factory have been approved by the local authority and it will be in production this summer. There is a knitting workshop employing 12 women, and the new pottery is doing well. The people now think they need a full-time administrator or village manager.

In a way Llanaelhaiarn burns a beacon in rural Wales. The decline of villages with the young people drifting away break up a way of life and well-tried set of values. The emptying of the hills causes not only a drop in morale among those who remain, it also stimulates anger and frustration and leads to direct action—like the occupation of holiday cottages by demonstrators.

While many young people still quit the country along the well beaten path to England, either from choice or no-choice, there is a growing number whose sense of commitment to Wales keeps them or lures them back. They recognize the need to act as well as talk, and reinforce idealism with a healthy sense of commercialism that has been too rare in the countryside.

There is now a sense of hope in the village where once there was only apathy. And most of Wales is watching . . .

Above: Dr Carl Clowes at the village sign and, left, potter Mr Steffan Rhys at work.

Llanaelhaiarn's fight back really began more than four years ago when a new doctor moved into the village. He is Dr Carl Clowes, aged 31, son of a Welsh mother and an English father, and brought up in Manchester. He was doing cancer research in Manchester and while he found that was fulfilling enough he felt strongly that he wanted to live and raise a family in Wales.

"I saw an advertisement for the job at Llanaelhaiarn. It was just what I wanted. A single-handed rural dispensing practice where the patients and I could form a real bond. I had some Welsh and I looked forward to giving my children the Welsh country upbringing.

"But, as I was settling in, the crisis in rural Wales was brought home vividly. The local quarry closed, so did two local shops, the bus service to a nearby village was stopped, and the local authority was about to close our school. We saw that unless we acted the community would fall apart. Some thought it pointless to take on bureaucracy, but we won our fight for the school and this gave us confidence. We were told no one would want to be headmaster of a little school like our's, but we insisted on the post being advertised, and there were 36 applicants. When we saved the school it had 27 children. Now it has 42."

Bolstered by that success, the people formed a villagers' society to campaign for improvements. The limited company Antur Aelhaearn (Antur means Venture, and Aelhaearn is the sixth century saint from which the village takes its name) followed.

"We must create jobs and particularly jobs for men", Dr Clowes said. "There will always be people who want to leave the country to make their lives elsewhere, but we have a responsibility to provide opportunities for those who want to live and work close to their roots."

A fancy goods company in Birmingham heard about the village and offered to establish a branch there. The factory is being paid for by the village and will be rented by the Birmingham firm. At first there will be 15 jobs. A London company helped with the setting-up of the knitting workshop, and trained the supervisor. The women are paid by the venture, and they choose their own working hours. The potter has come from Liverpool, though his parents originated from this area. He is learning Welsh. His apprenice will be a village boy.

Meanwhile, Dr Clowes hopes that the holiday homes in the village will gradually be bought and occupied by local people. "Two have been bought back already. Holiday homes make no contribution to our village life."

He hopes the Government will provide money to help projects like the village company in Llanaelhaiarn. "Big factories are not always the answer in rural areas. The jobs and homes have to be restored in twos and threes, fitting in with the character of small communities."

A fundamental part of Dr Clowes's motivation is the Welsh language. His Irish wife has learned it, and it is now the language of the home and his children, Dafydd, Rhiannon, and Angharad. "The language has been my catalyst. I want Llanhaelhaiarn to be a thriving, Welsh-speaking community. And it is because its problems are in a Welsh context that I, and the others, have an extra drive to do something."

Trevor Fishlock

Sportsview

County cricket must take its guard against being run out

Only a most curmudgeonly fellow will not find something to interest him in the cricket season which would have been starting at Cambridge today, had the groundsman there not told Leicestershire, last Thursday, that his field was unfit for play. During this season there will be the opportunity to see the world's best cricketers, who will be playing in the Prudential Cup, four 5-day Test matches against Australia, a full programme of county championship matches and the usual one-day competitions. There is, if anything, too much to keep up with, rather than too little.

At the moment, of course, ground staffs up and down the country are wondering how they will ever make a fast pitch, with the water table so high. In the ordinary way most counties, by this time, would have had a fortnight's practice out of doors. Instead they have been confined, almost entirely, to indoor nets. But the show must go on as best it can and, mercifully, not until next Saturday is there the first full programme of matches.

The visiting teams for the Prudential Cup — Australia, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, West Indies, East Africa and Sri Lanka (Ceylon)—will start arriving at the end of May for the one-day competition. After the final (June 21) the Australians will stay on, which will give England an early chance of regaining the Ashes and allow cricket followers in this country a look at Thomson and Lillee.

Wherever people gathered last winter, from the working men's clubs to the board room, the conversation, I am told, turned at once to Australia and the MCC tour. With television bringing into such sharp relief the fury of Thomson and Lillee and the collapse of England's batting, the home side enter this coming season with their stock lower than for some time. That, at any rate, is how the public sees it.

I am not convinced that England are a good-for-nothing side. To say, as many do, that we must "start all over again" smacks of panic. In Australia, it is true, England were unable to cope with Thomson and Lillee, who the umpires gave more or less a free licence about how and where they bowled. But this is not to say that in England it will be the same story. With Amiss, Boycott, Knott, Greig, Underwood and Arnold—and in spite of what happened in Australia—England have the nucleus of a useful side. Against anything but the fastest bowling Dennes and Fletcher are also to be reckoned with.

And what of the captaincy? Since getting back from Australia I have been surprised how many people there are, first-class players among them, who still consider Denness to be the man mainly, I think, because of Greig's unbridled attitudes. The first thing the new selection committee may be expected to do is decide whether Greig is their man. In football it has become acceptable for a player to be sent off the field one week and captain England the next; in cricket there survives a determination not to compromise the standards of behaviour.

The success of the Prudential Cup may depend upon the weather. Granted a sunny fortnight it should be entertaining and with luck it will bring an upset or two, with East Africa and Sri Lanka in the field to trap the unsuspecting. Between Roberts, of the West Indies, and Thomson and Lillee, of Australia, it will provide a thrilling confrontation of speed. It could see the return of Geoff Boycott to the England side unless, like Bobby Fisher the chess champion, he seems not to fancy it. It also brings out of "retirement" Gary Sobers, cricket's newest knight. And if the tournament is succesful, it could be the first of many.

What, unfortunately, the Prudential Cup won't do is ease the plight of those English counties in financial straits. This, and the spread of comprehensive schools, where cricket is taught to fewer and fewer boys, I find more worrying for the future of the game than a winter's failure in Australia. Derbyshire, for one, have come up with a "survival budget" and Hampshire are to launch a "fighting fund". In 1974 almost every county suffered nearly fatal losses. Derbyshire have withdrawn from the second XI championship and their playing staff is down to 17, several of them either from overseas or pensioners from other counties.

Here, as in most other counties, the opportunities for young English cricketers are dwindling. Nor, to help them out of the red, will they benefit as much as usual from Test profits.

The custom is that they go to the home authority. But since Australia are substituting for South Africa this year the profits are to be shared more or less evenly between England and Australia. And the profits from the Prudential Cup are for world-wide distribution.

Financially, then, there is in some counties real concern about their future. That Hampshire, as champions in 1973 and runners-up in 1974, should be one of them with the world's best batsman (Barry Richards) in their side, as well as a bowler (Andy Roberts) as fast and feared as Thomson, shows that teams cannot live by success alone. The game should be grateful to its sponsors, if not to those who govern the country because of the shift to comprehensive education. The chances of a boy either finding a master interested and capable of teaching cricket or even getting a chance to play, at one of the larger comprehensive schools, are critically less than in the smaller grammar or direct grant schools from where the counties have always drawn many of their players.

No, as English cricket enters what should be an exciting and eventful season, Thomson and Lillee are not the only problems it faces.

John Woodcock

Lillee and Thomson: Not the only problems facing England.

George Hutchinson

Mrs Thatcher speaks her mind and sees a conspiracy

Mrs Margaret Thatcher does not employ speech-writers. That is a political fact which I am glad to report. She has little use for them in principle. In practice, she has had none at all since becoming leader of the Conservative Party. She has written every one of her speeches herself.

Her attitude must surely commend her to all but professional speech-writers or those in the advertising world who find it inconceivable that national leaders should be able to express themselves effectively without "ghosting". It should also commend her to all but the laziest—or most incompetent—of her fellow parliamentarians, whatever their allegiance.

No doubt Mrs Thatcher's training, experience and proficiency at the Bar has something to do with it. She is applying to her political responsibilities, not least her speeches, the attention—the concentration—that the best members of the Bar give to their briefs. Like them, she is ready to burn the midnight oil (just as every High Court judge was in his earlier life as counsel). Like them, she has the stamina, as well as the will and the intellectual capacity, to appear before judge and jury next morning with a proper command of her case.

Of course there are people—plenty of them—to "devil" for her, to do whatever research may be necessary and provide factual information. There are others (every single one of her colleagues, I would hope, in or out of the Shadow Cabinet) who may from time to time suggest themes. The point is that Mrs Thatcher relies on nobody but herself for the composition and final form of her speeches.

For the new leader of a great party there could be no better way of explaining herself, of making herself understood in the country. When she speaks, she speaks in her own words. Whether you like them or not, they are hers, not somebody else's.

Having said that, Mrs Thatcher cannot be expected to go on composing every single speech herself, literally from the first line to the last, if only for lack of time. To accept a certain amount of sympathetic assistance is not only reasonable and legitimate but in reality, unavoidable under the continuing pressures of office.

What is so pleasing, however, is that her inclinations reflect an attachment to an older political tradition, in which a public speech was rightly regarded as an act of the first importance, deserving every personal effort. Churchill was, of course, its foremost exponent in our own time, but others have upheld the same precept—Mr Harold Macmillan for one. The present Prime Minister is another.

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WHAT I have to report now is in disagreeable contrast. Within the Conservative establishment there is a conspiracy against Mrs Thatcher. While Mr Heath himself may be exonerated, a number of his friends—not all of them in Parliament—are intent on undermining her authority.

They are moved (as might be imagined) by the fanciful notion of Mr Heath as a sort of king in exile—a king over the water, waiting to be restored. That is the first delusion, however preposterous it may seem. The second is that Mrs Thatcher is simply a stand-in, or front, for the satanic Mr Edward du Cann, who "engineered" her election in his capacity as chairman of the 1922 Committee, after contriving Mr Heath's downfall, and still calls the shots.

The extravagance is almost beyond expression. Yet this is what we are asked to believe by more than a few in the upper reaches of the party, and what they keep telling each other. They convince themselves that Mrs Thatcher can be dispatched before long in favour of Mr Heath. They go about knocking and decrying her, deliberately discouraging confidence in her leadership and trying to create mistrust.

Mrs Thatcher is aware of all this. She knows what is going on and where the responsibility lies. William Waldegrave understands it too. He was the head of Mr Heath's private office after being with Lord Rothschild's "think tank". He is devoted to Mr Heath, whom he holds in the greatest respect. Unlike some of Mr Heath's circle, however, he is ready to pipe up for Mrs Thatcher. He can pay tribute to the first without disparaging the second, as he showed in a recent speech in Bristol.

"I have no doubt", he said, "that Ted Heath will be back in the fray before long and I hope that like Balfour, like Baldwin, like Sir Alec, he will be offered the chance as an ex-Prime Minister to serve in future governments. We will need him. Meanwhile the ballot box has thrown up an admirable leader in Margaret Thatcher, a fighter if ever there was one and, I believe, a potential winner of the next election."

Young Mr Waldegrave is wiser than some of his elders—and vastly more generous. He is disturbed by the evidence of increasingly embittered factionalism in the Tory Party, and feels that attitudes are hardening. Most of all, he dislikes and despises the "dinner table talk" against the newly-elected leader. There must be many who share his sentiments.

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A meeting of importance to the Conservative Party as well as the Liberals has taken place at Mr Jeremy Thorpe's house in Bayswater. More than 20 prominent businessmen most, if not all, known contributors to Tory funds, turned up to hear an appeal from Mr Thorpe for their support in furthering the cause of proportional representation.

Besides the familiar principles, Mr Thorpe had another thought for them. Without PR, he suggested, Liberal and other moderate elements could never be adequately represented in the House of Commons, which—in the absence of electoral reform—was liable to fall increasingly to the Labour left. He was saying, in essence, that if they wanted to check the Labour Party, especially its left wing, they had better support PR.

Meanwhile a Conservative peer, Lord Alport, is to introduce a debate on electoral reform in the Lords next week. The movement is gathering pace among the Tories, due largely to the exertions of the group called CAER—Conservative Action for Electoral Reform.

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OVEREIGNTY

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se who say that in the *unity Britain will have* sovereignty than it would were *outside*, or more ignty of the kind which s, equate sovereignty with —the power to control the al environment in which tion lives. They argue, very ably, that much of the aint on the exercise of this l has its origin nowadays e the jurisdiction of the that such constraint may ne measure be overcome laborative action between : *and that the European* mic Community is an *example of that collaboration of a special and uniquely effective* kind (potentially at least), which *has a large bearing on the* political environment of Britain. They add, in debate, that an accession of power to shape *events*, even if it entails some loss of freedom of independent action, is better worth having than a formal sovereignty in the exercise of shrunken power.

To their opponents, the identification of sovereignty with *power is a misconception.* Sovereignty is a juridical concept. *A state is not fully sovereign* unless the source of all law and *legitimate public authority within* it is internal to the state, and unless the *determination* of all causes arising within the state belongs to domestic tribunals. Any substantial departure from that constitutes a derogation of sovereignty. Sovereign states may be large or small, powerful or weak: those characteristics do not affect their sovereignty.

The Tudor constitutionalists understood the matter well. They enacted a sequence of sonorous statutes for the purpose of expelling from the kingdom, and transferring to the King, jurisdiction exercised from the Holy See, that precursor of European supra-*nationalism. The King it was* declared was

> *institute* and furnished . . . with plenary, whole and entire power, pre-eminence, authority, prerogative and jurisdiction to render and yield justice and final determination . . . in all causes, matters, debates and contentious happening to occur, *insurge or begin within the limits* of the realm, without any restraint of provocation to any foreign princes or potentates of the world.

Not for them a European Court of Justice.

Sovereignty thus understood in juridical terms has direct political relevance, which is why such importance is attached to *it in some quarters.* If the competence of the national parliament to legislate is restricted by *authority external to the state*, then ideologues may have reason to fear that the achievement of domestic power may not be sufficient to permit them to carry out their intentions, unless they also capture the source of external authority. Hence some of the dislike felt by Marxists for the *Community* arrangements.

But sovereignty has a more *general political relevance also.* The basis of free government is *government by consent. Consent* implies an ability of the political system to adjust the conflicts of interest that are inevitable in any large society without serious disorder and without resort to heavy force. That in turn implies a recognition on the part of the citizens of a public, common or general interest which may be at variance with more immediate sectional interests, and willingness to defer to it. For that recognition to be sufficiently lively the citizens must be conscious of a shared political identity among themselves, a consciousness which usually depends on a common tradition, language and historical experience. It is argued that those requirements for government by consent, and therefore for free institutions, are present in the political constituency of the *United Kingdom*, and are not present in a political constituency of the *European Community.*

It would assist the public debate during the referendum campaign if these two very different conceptions of sovereignty could be disentangled and kept separate. The extent to which each person shares the fears or hopes which surround the two formulations will depend partly on how he understands the dynamics of contemporary political society and partly on *how he sees* the European Community developing.

ANCE FOR A NEW START

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with the ministry will *e on a more modest basis* efore and there is good *to think that compromise* sible. Some consultants, to the more extreme (and undesirable) aims of abolishing the differential between full and part-time practice or of instituting a thoroughgoing item-of-*service system* of payment, may wish to continue sanctions. That *would be to underestimate what* has been gained and to punish patients for the sake of a mirage. For the BMA, the award presents an opportunity to extricate itself from a position where the profession was doing less than justice to its case.

The probability that the review body would recommend salary increases of about 30 per cent has been in the air for many months during which the figure *has come to look* decidedly less spectacular than it did. By now, *it has almost established itself* as the going rate for an annual wage settlement. Of course, not many such bargains concern earnings at all comparable to those of a fully established doctor; so the award must hamper attempts to restore some meaning to the social contract. Nevertheless, the doctors have a real claim to be counted as a special case, and the award compensates not only for a year's inflation but also for the review body's rigorous application of *the principle of Phase Three* last year. Then it awarded three and *a half per cent while admitting* that doctors' earnings had fallen seven per cent behind those of comparable income groups.

There is room for doubt about the relatively small increases given to junior hospital doctors. *The report argues that* this reestablishes a relationship that *existed earlier*, but it is not desirable that juniors should survive on a pittance until the glittering rewards of a permanent appointment come their way. A slight redistribution from the glitter to the pittance would be better.

In the perennially stormy relationship between doctors and the Department of Health there are many points of potential conflict still to be settled. Private beds in NHS hospitals and the wider future of private practice *are the most immediate*; the most significant is the whole question of priorities in the health service in a time of economic crisis. The award has not melted ideological differences nor wiped out the mistrust of Mrs Castle engendered by her weak response to the activities of members of COHSE and NUPE. But a new atmosphere can now be established, and one must hope that it will be long before the profession thinks of returning to the methods it has *resorted to this year.*

LE'S ECONOMIC ISOLATION

ilean Government is now *that its internal* political are damaging its econ- rospects. Last month the f Paris was supposed to the re-scheduling of *enormous foreign debt* not do so, partly because *refused to attend. One* vas that the World Bank led a loan which it was o make for an agricul- roject. A row has also up in West Germany, the Government is under refusing to make avail- redit which it offered to evious Chilean Govern- nder Dr Allende. On the and *Chile has continued* its drawing rights with —to the extent of about in the last twelve months as had loans and grants t $238m from the United ince the coup of Septem- 3.

situation like this the e credit-worthiness of a nent cannot be wholly dis- ed from its political ion. If it arouses so much epugnance that it cannot money or re-negotiate its old debts it is liable to encounter economic and political difficulties at home that will make it seem a risky proposition even to neutral creditors. Chile is certainly in danger of coming into this category. There have now been three cabinets since the coup, and none has mastered the economy or begun to win friends and influence people abroad. *Inflation, which was running at* about 300 per cent under President *Allende*, increased last year and shows no sign of abating, though the available figures do not provide a very clear picture. Unemployment is around 18 per *cent* and there is a great deal of severe economic hardship.

Political condemnation has come not only from foreign governments but also from bodies such as Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists, the Organization of American States, and the General Assembly of the United Nations. Evidence of torture, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment without trial is now overwhelming. The cancellation of Dr Kissinger's visit may have had more to do with fears for his safety than with moral disapproval but it still emphasizes the growing isolation of Chile except in its relations with some other Latin American countries.

General Pinochet appears to be aware of the political and economic dangers of this isolation. He re-shuffled his Cabinet this week, introducing more civilians and replacing, among others, the ministers of Economics and Justice. He has released some ex-ministers of the *Allende regime and published a* list of about 200 prisoners who may leave the country (though about 50 of them have said they do not wish to do so). But he shows no signs of permitting the restoration of anything resembling political life.

This, combined with continuing arrests and raids on poorer districts, suggests that he does not feel secure or confident of popular support. Even granted all the difficulties that were bequeathed to him by President Allende, as well as the fall in *copper* prices, on which Chile depends for most of her foreign earnings, *it is not a record that* will encourage foreign governments to provide either economic or political support.

education

r R. E. Bazin

ust you will permit me a Mr Paton's letter of April Paton flies in from South nd is presented with a copy tter. From out of his pocket, eak, he produces figures of gardener and others "have l" for books for their child- ication.

letter (March 27) I stated es and location of the schools responsible staff told me there was no charge for books or education. It is thus open for anyone, including Mr Paton, before he accuses me of disseminating total untruths, to verify these facts. What a pity Mr Paton did not do likewise, by giving the names of the schools.

I also said I could not speak for mission schools. I do not accuse Mr Paton of "disseminating total untruths"; is it possible that the expenses and contributions Mr Paton instances, eg, "towards the salaries of extra teachers not officially employed by the state", refer not to state schools at all?

Two items of interest may escape general notice by readers of his letter: 1. African, ie, Bantu, children, attending standards IV, V, VI, and VII, thus tending to negate the article by Judith Listowel in your issue of April 8, and 2. The African, ie, Bantu, man "who helps in my garden and has just paid over £50 . . ."

Yours faithfully,
R. E. BAZIN,
c/o Lloyds Bank,
81 High Road,
Wood Green, N22.
April 17.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Budget: cost of improving public services

From Mr T. M. H. Scott

Sir, By inveighing against "this unsupportable increase in the burden of government wages and salaries", your leader of April 16 "*Step in the Right Direction*" mistakes the symptom for the *disease.*

The larger number of workers in central and *local government offices* are there because they are needed; *and they are needed because, for a* long time, the people of this *country have continuously demanded* —or politicians and pressure groups have *persuaded* them that they should demand—more and more *public services.*

Your plea should not, therefore, be for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to give closer consideration to the burden of wages and salaries in the public sector but rather that he and his colleagues of all parties should give much deeper thought to the reasons why this burden arises. If they do so, they will realize the great need for them *to look much more closely in future* at the consequences in manpower and, therefore, in cost of every proposal designed to increase or improve the services which government both central and local provide for the public.

A pause, at the very least, in the pace at which the provision of public services advances would not only allow those providing them to consolidate the vast progress which has been made in recent years but, more *importantly, allow the country's* resources to be concentrated on that substantial increase in industrial productivity which is essential if the present public services are to be maintained let alone extended and improved.

Yours faithfully,
T. M. H. SCOTT,
Chief Executive,
London Borough of Sutton,
Civic Offices,
3 *Throwley Way*,
Sutton, Surrey.
April 17.

From Mr C. A. K. Fenn-Smith

Sir, In presenting his Budget proposals the Chancellor explained that the main reason for the Budget deficit's being due to rise from £7,600m in 1974-75 to £9,000m in the current year is that incomes financed by the public sector are *rising faster than the receipts* of that sector. Since in the case of *such incomes it is the Government* that is the paymaster, what is one to make of the complaint, contained in Mr Healey's television broadcast, that "we" are paying "ourselves" more than we can afford?

It really is not good enough for *the Government* to tell us to do one thing while it does another, for *until the Government* gives a positive lead towards living within its income *it can not expect the public* to take its warnings with the gravity with which it is essential they are received.

The Chancellor must know this. Perhaps therefore his complaint is addressed not so much to us as to his colleagues on and behind the Treasury Bench. We can only hope, for all our sakes, that they are listening.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C. A. K. FENN-SMITH,
Three Quays,
Tower Hill, EC3.
April 18.

From Mr Donald Last

Sir, You say we should all support Healey because he is the champion of responsible government. For a man who has orchestrated a rise in public borrowing from £2,733m a year ago to an expected £9,055m in 1975-76 that description is rich. But the issue goes deeper than that. For *all the defects* of the left wing they have a certain integrity. They *believe in what they say and they* are consistent in what they want. We may believe they are utterly misguided but at least we know where they stand.

But where do we stand with Healey and his ilk? The so-called moderates of the Labour Party. These men are prepared to row along with the left on the hustings and posture on empty slogans about equality, social justice and a fair society. They share the responsibility *for fostering the notion among their* supporters and constituents that the *rich, the better-off, the economy*, industry, in fact anybody who can be tapped for a subsidy, is a milch cow to be bled in the cause of fairness. These men collectively, not just one, are the "polluters of politics". Callaghan, Lever, Hattersley and the rest, who have been winning office since the 60s on a false prospectus.

"Labour men, Tory measures", the Tribune dub them and they are so right. For it's always the same story: after the early bout of wealth, industry and City bashing and the rush of *welfare handouts*, there comes the inevitable return to *orthodoxy.*

It has taken this latest lot just *one year and four Budgets*—a waste of effort in a sea of miscalculation. And this time we have had the bonus of their duplicity over Europe and the dishonourable Clay Cross affair. The country and Parliament are paying a heavy price for these political charlatans who dissemble behind a cloak of moderation.

No Sir, Healey does not deserve support. He deserves the sack.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD LAST,
Dryads,
Seal Hollow Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
April 17.

From Mrs Ira J. Morris

Sir, Could I please have this space to spell out preferably in letters of fire, to the Chancellor, the union bosses and the left wing Labour MPs that the ordinary *sane* people of this country are with Mr Healey all the way? And that we are soberly ready to have the showdown with the unions which must come sooner or later, now.

Now, when we are more or less stocked up with food and clothing; *now*, when longer daylight and warmer weather will make the siege less lethal to the old than when the unions would prefer to have it next winter. And now, when our overseas creditors will be awaiting the June referendum before they finally decide to let Britain commit suicide if she votes *to do so.*

But with a showdown *now* the *sane majority will still have the* strength to crawl to the polls in June, perhaps carrying some of the saner union rank and file with us, and clobber with a resounding vote for Europe and sanity the minority who currently hold us to ransom and infect normal, decent working people with their own death-wish.

Then the strikes will collapse and we all wake up and get Britain *going, with the wild men relegated* to their lunatic fringe twilight. Simplistic? Perhaps: but so is the present crude union blackmail. And in the simple, deepseated resentment of it by ordinary people Mr Healey has the means to defeat it *now*

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
IRA J. MORRIS,
7 West Hill Court,
Millfield Lane, N6.
April 17.

From Mr A. C. Hazel

Sir, There must be many companies where management could say to their colleagues—the workers—"Yes, we will pay these increases you are demanding providing we can produce the same amount of goods with a reduced labour force and keep our total wage bill roughly the same, *thus enabling us to continue to sell* these goods without increasing *prices.*"

Yours faithfully,
A. C. HAZEL,
75 Holland Park, W11.
April 17.

Expansion of home food production

From Sir James Barker

Sir, The restrained enthusiasm with which your leading article on April 18 greeted the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's White Paper on the expansion of British agriculture was a little disappointing and perhaps short-sighted.

Whether or not we remain a member of the *European Economic Community* (and surely it is hardly conceivable that we should be foolish enough to pull out) a plan which is *certain to reduce our appalling* adverse balance of payments by £530m must be right.

Your leader speaks slightly scathingly of "*such favourite* proclamations as that cheap food is a thing of the past", but in fact there is no doubt that with the rapid growth of world population—which is far outstripping the growth of world food production—and in the light of the fact that the underdeveloped countries are demanding a bigger share of world food supplies than they ever have in the *past, shortages and high prices must* occur in the not too distant future.

This surely makes a move towards self sufficiency a very important objective for the United Kingdom and for Europe.

As to your suggestion that we should rely upon the other countries of the Nine to supply us with milk and milk products; this ignores the important fact that we in the United Kingdom have highly efficient farmers and a climate ideally suited for grass production and therefore for livestock, and a fundamental *objective of the* common agricultural policy must be to produce food *where it is most efficiently produced*, and milk is very efficiently produced *in this country.*

It is significant that both the *National Farmers' Union* and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and *Food have come to precisely the* same conclusion about the extent to which the *encouragement of agricul*ture could reduce our balance of payments deficit, and it is wrong not to welcome these proposals with enthusiasm and not to encourage with all our resources the development of what is probably our most efficient industry.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BARKER, Chairman,
Unigate,
34 Palace Court, W2.
April 18.

Chilston Park

From Lord Chilston

Sir, As owner of Chilston Park I hope you will allow me the opportunity to reply to Mr D. G. England, whose letter you published on April 11. Such denigration cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged by one who has devoted so much of his life *to the care of such a place.*

I am not here concerned with *the merits* or otherwise of the various routes at present under *consideration for the M20* extension—even though certain of these would pass *through my park with* most damaging effect—but rather to comment upon *the premises upon* which Mr England bases his judgments. For these premises are of the most unreliable and secondhand nature and I cannot but be amazed that he has not troubled to verify his facts with his own eyes.

The first piece of "evidence" which he chooses is the report on the trees in the park, commissioned by the Department of the Environment from a firm of tree-surgeons, submitted in evidence at the *inquiry and summarized* in the Inspector's report. The actual text *of the firm's report* only recently came into my hands and is so unwarrantably *damaging and unfair* that I have written a special personal protest about it to the Secretary of State.

One of the worst *aspects of the* matter was that the firm gave me no advance warning of their coming and that I never even knew that they had been here. Mr England quotes their incredible main contention of the park having been "badly neglected for the past three decades". This firm of tree-surgeons was applying its high, specialist standards to the assess*ment of a large and ancient* "amenity" park containing perhaps five or six *hundred trees*—with obvious but ludicrous results. Not content with deploring the neglect of "hygienic practices" among the trees, they declared the "whole parkland area badly neglected"—though it has in fact been intensively and efficiently farmed for over 30 years by the same tenant.

May I deal next with the observations about the lake (which are Mr England's *next piece of "evidence"*). One of these (quoted by Mr England *from the Pevsner series*)—"Today the waters have contracted into a *reedy lake beyond the forecourt*"—must be presumed to refer to the *main lake in front of the mansion*: but Mr England would only have to *travel the mile or so from* Lenham to see for himself that not a single *reed or weed mars the great open* expanse of water, which I can assure him has not "contracted" for the past 150 years at least.

As to his complaint about access: the public right of way down the *drive only* has always been respected by me and my forebears. The rest of the part is technically private, though no one behaving reasonably and with dogs under strict control would be likely to be stopped. The point is simply that the land is farmed and unfortunately certain people often behave irresponsibly, damage trees, gates or fences and allow dogs to chase and kill livestock. These obviously are, to use Mr England's phrase, "by no means welcome in the park".

I am well aware that many of my neighbours have, in the present uncertainty, as much, relatively speaking, at stake as I have and each one of them has a right to his say. But let that say at least be responsible, accurate and fair.

Yours faithfully,
CHILSTON,
Chilston Park, Sandway,
near Maidstone, Kent.

Issues in EEC referendum

From Mr Peter Blaker, Conservative MP for Blackpool, South

Sir, *Sir Roy Harrod suggests* (April 16) that if we are to have discrimination in our import policy it should not be in favour of the wealthy countries of Europe but of the poor under-developed countries.

In fact our membership of the EEC is likely to benefit the latter. If we *are* able to influence the remainder of the Community to adopt a more liberal policy towards imports from the developing world we shall be doing more for the developing world than anything we could conceivably do on our own. The Lomé Agreement with 46 developing countries, and the liberalization of the Community's Generalized Preference Scheme, are proof that we are already having this effect.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BLAKER,
Vice-Chairman Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Committee,
House of Commons.
April 16.

From Mr Ronald M. Bell, QC, Conservative MP for Beaconsfield

Sir, Sir Derek Walker-Smith and I have agreed upon so much for so long about the Common Market that I write to differ from him in his letter about the EEC Treaty (April 17) with much regret. But his letter must be answered lest anyone in the coming referendum should feel obliged by its argument to vote against the interests of the country.

Sir Derek and I opposed British entry into the Common Market with equal vigour because we believed, for much the same reasons, that entry would be detrimental to Britain as a nation and to the *British people.* Sir Derek now feels that, because in 1972 Mr Heath *bulldozed* accession through Parliament in manifest defiance of public *opinion at the time*, our country must endure that detriment to the end of time. I should need more than reference to the textbooks which professors of "international law" write to each other before I could accept so remarkable a proposition.

That proposition flies in the face not only of common sense, but of all human history, and of the firm repeated assurances given by Ministers to Parliament through the long debates of 1972-73 that nothing irrevocable was being done. While these Ministers have turned out to be very wrong in some of the assurances which they then offered us, I have no doubt that they were right about this, for any other view would be quite unreal—and, in practice, wholly novel. Nor does the Rome Treaty make any such claim to eternity: "for an unlimited period" certainly calls for reasonable notice of withdrawal, but is hardly the same as *ad aeternam rei memoriam.*

Governments will not permanently act against the interests of their peoples, and if they try they are overthrown, and rightly so. For through all the nebulous assertion that is rather grandly called "public international law" there runs one firm rule—*Salus populi suprema lex* —often forgotten by academics, but never omitted *in the evolution of* history.

Your obedient servant,
RONALD M. BELL,
House of Commons.
April 17.

From Mr Gordon McLennan

Sir, Following on the report in your issue of April 15, which referred to a group called "Communists for Europe", we have had a number of queries about our policy from readers of the report.

I should, therefore, be grateful if you would allow me through your columns to make clear that this group has no connexion whatever with the *Communist Party of* Great Britain. Our policy has been *one of consistent opposition* to British membership of the Common Market. In the current campaign leading up to the referendum we have produced nearly two million leaflets and 70,000 pamphlets making the case for withdrawal, and we have held hundreds of meetings. We are also fully participating in most of the broad committees which are being established throughout the country to *campaign for a "No"* vote on June 5.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON McLENNAN, General Secretary.
Communist Party of Great Britain,
16 King Street, WC2.
April 16.

Electoral reform

From Mr Anthony Wigram

Sir, I was *immensely* pleased to see that the leading article "Who are our *masters now?*" (April 11), reconfirmed your previous support for the *need* for electoral reform in Britain.

It is, indeed, *intolerable that* we should ever be governed by a party which claims *a mandate* for extremist policies of any political complexion *when no such mand*ate has been given by the people. In addition, *constant reversal of* policy, as one of two political parties with *widely differing* ideologies succeed each other, is *immensely damaging* to the growth of confidence in industry and the *development of* sophisticated welfare services.

More dangerous still is the fact that there are signs that a further *decline in the prestige and auth*ority of Parliament itself could lead to a breakdown of law and order, stemming from the contempt in which Parliament and its laws are now held by various organized groups and individuals in our society.

The fruits of the present system are such that it is virtually impossible for a party in office to contemplate reform. However, the Conservative Party now has an unrivalled opportunity of setting in motion a thorough study of our electoral system so that it will be ready to fulfil its pledge contained in the October manifesto to call a Speakers Conference on electoral reform when returned to office.

We believe that a firm undertaking on electoral reform, by the Conservative Party, would be gladly supported by all men of moderate opinion who wish to see the formation of a centre party coalition which would bring stability and consensus to British politics.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WIGRAM, Director,
Conservative Action for Electoral Reform,
6 Queen Street,
Mayfair, W1.
April 14.

Lobby meetings

From Mr John Egan and Mr George Clark

Sir, Your PHS columnist criticizes (April 18) the exclusion of *The Spectator's* representative from meetings at Westminster arranged by Parliamentary Lobby journalists.

He has got it wrong if he assumes that it was because a pseudonymous *Spectator* article castigated the Lobby chairman; it was because the magazine breached the simple rule that Lobby meetings are confidential.

An editor like yourself who has *staff members joining in the* mutually convenient Lobby meeting *system, as just one part of their* work, is obviously accepting that *non-disclosures of sources of inform*ation is an honourable and defensible procedure.

The same familiar self-discipline applies to journalists who cover diplomacy, finance, trade, education, law enforcement, and many other topics.

We believe, incidentally, that Patrick Cosgrave, the Lobby Correspondent of *The Spectator*, would not dissent from our viewpoint, even though he is now being inconvenienced and embarrassed by something published without his help or approval.

Yours, etc.
JOHN EGAN, *Chairman*,
Parliamentary Lobby Journalists.
GEORGE CLARK,
Honorary Treasurer,
Press Gallery,
House of Commons, SW1.

Payment of justices

From Mr John Fidler

Sir, If I *may respectfully say so*, Mr Allason's suggestion (*The Times*, April 14) concerning *the payment of* JPs, should be strongly resisted.

I am not out of sympathy with his view that in some respects there is an insufficient representation by a cross-section of the community, but payment to lay justices is not the answer.

The strength of the lay magistracy is *in its* "amateur status" (which is a phrase for defence lawyers to con*jure with*): *a remuneration scheme* would be difficult to administer and *would, I believe, seriously prejudice* the freedom within which the lay *magistracy is able to work.*

It was, I think, the mid 1960s that a *Home Office report recommended* for example that suitable people should be appointed to the bench for service on the juvenile panel according to their experience of working with young people: I accepted nomination because of my involvement with the voluntary sector of the youth service. I do not complain but my appointment has resulted in having to work long hours to compensate for time away from my place of work.

Mr Allason may be aware that if the Employment Protection Bill becomes law employers will be obliged *to allow employees* to perform such civic duties as that of the lay magistrate. That, however, will not entirely solve the problem and the burden will continue to rest with those employers who are public spirited enough to permit their employees to discharge these worthwhile duties. Frankly, neither cash nor legislation will influence those employers who are determined to be unhelpful.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FIDLER,
JP, Woking Petty Sessional Division,
Westview,
Ballbeggars Lane,
Horsell,
Woking, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present at the Royal Festival Hall this evening to present the Variety Clubs International award as Humanitarian of the Year for 1974 to Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, and Miss Sue Ryder.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended the Variety Clubs International Convention Dinner at Grosvenor House.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 18: The Duke of Kent today visited the Shuttleworth Collection of veteran aeroplanes at Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade.

Captain Peter Le Marchand was in attendance.

Princess Margaret, Grand President of St John Ambulance, will perform the official opening of the new Portsmouth headquarters of St John Ambulance at 406-414 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, on April 30. The Bishop of Portsmouth will dedicate the building.

Birthdays today

Sir Andrew Gilchrist, 65; Mr Richard Hughes, 75; Sir Edward Lewis, 75; Miss Gladys Mitchell, 74; Lord Pilkington, 70; Sir John Simpson, 76; Baroness Summerskill, 74; Mr Herbert Wilcox, 85; Lieutenant-General Sir John Woodall, 78.

TOMORROW: Major-General Sir Charles Dunphie, 73; Sir Arnold France, 64; Sir Solomon Hochoy, 70; Sir Robert Marett, 68; Sir Hilton Poynton, 70; Professor G. O. Sayles, 74; Sir William Steward, 74; Sir Henry Studdy, 81.

Aldenham School

The Summer Term begins on April 21. A concert will be held on Saturday, May 3, to inaugurate the new pipe organ. Visitation Day is on Saturday, May 31, and OA Day on Saturday, June 14. Terms ends on July 12.

Bryanston School

The Summer Term begins today and ends on Friday, July 11. The confirmation service will be taken by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Sunday, May 4. The guest speaker on Speech Day, Friday, May 30, will be Dr John Rae, Headmaster of Westminster School. The preacher at the service in the morning will be Mr Robin Macnaghten, Headmaster of Sherborne School.

Canford School

The Summer Term begins on April 19. Speech Day will be on May 31. The visitor of the day will be Sir Robert Birley. The commemoration sermon will be preached by the Bishop of Sherborne. There will be a performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* in the open air theatre on May 29 and May 30.

Vintners' Company

The Vintners' Company has elected as officers: Mr J. H. Mason, master; Mr A. J. Kentish, upper warden; Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. Dingwall, renter warden; Mr N. Martin-Bird, swan warden.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, April 19, 1950

Ready for banquet

The Lord Mayor's Easter banquet, to be held this evening in the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House, marks a period in the history of the home of London's chief citizen.

The Egyptian Hall has just been restored and reconditioned after war-time damage, and this is the occasion of its coming into use again. It is the traditional scene for all functions in which the Lord Mayor is personally interested.

Structural work on the hall has been confined to the ceiling and to the wall at the Walbrook end of the building, which was shaken by some heavy near misses. . . . The two stained-glass windows, measuring 30ft by 13ft and believed to be the largest in London, have been repaired and replaced, and the interior of the hall has been redecorated in pale cream and gold.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. K. S. Darrall-Rew and Miss V. M. Harbord

The engagement is announced between Anthony Kenneth Stansfield, elder son of the late Captain Kenneth George Darrall-Rew and of Mrs H. Dunbar Maconochie, of Warwick, Bermuda, and Victoria Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs William Eric Harbord, of London, W11.

Mr K. G. C. Green and Miss E. A. Healy

The engagement is announced between Kensey, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. C. Green, Alverno, Silchester Road, Glenageary, co Dublin, and Lizanne, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. M. Healy, 200 Upper Clapton Road, London, E5.

Dr R. F. Lambourn and Miss C. A. Witherington

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Mr and Mrs F. Lambourn, of Kidlington, Oxford, and Christine Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Witherington, of Great Stukeley, Huntingdon.

Mr R. C. A. Walker and Miss S. M. Riall

The engagement is announced between Robin Charles Andrew Walker, second son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. G. B. Walker, of Chattis Hill House, Stockbridge, Hampshire, and Selina Margaret, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs P. D. E. Riall, of Ballyorney House, Enniskerry, co Wicklow.

Dinner

Public Schools Bursars' Association

The annual dinner of the Public Schools Bursars' Association was held last night at St Catherine's College, Oxford. Mr J. C. Daukes was in the chair and Mrs Laurence Cadbury also spoke.

Service dinners

Greynvile Term, 1919-22

Members of the Greynvile Term 1919-22 dined last night at the Army and Navy Club. Rear-Admiral R. A. Currie presided.

Cambridge University Air Squadron

Cambridge University Air Squadron held a dinner last night at Selwyn College to mark its fiftieth year. Squadron Leader J. H. Nutkins, officer commanding, was in the chair and Professor J. W. Linnett, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, was the principal guest. Among others present were:

Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, Air Marshal Sir Neville Stack, Sir Arthur Marshall, Professor T. P. Hill, Professor J. N. Bradley and Air Commodore W. C. Taylor.

University news

Oxford

The Conington prize has been awarded to C. B. R. Pelling, BA, Balliol College; *proxime accessit* O. K. Armayor, Wadham College.

Cambridge

Elections:

CLARE COLLEGE: Mrs Kathleen M. Marriott, BSc (Sussex), of New Hall, to a research fellowship.

J. L. Isaacs, Cantonian High School, Cardiff, Mrs O. M. Ward, Cheltenham Ladies' College, and C. Reid, United World College of the Atlantic, to schoolteacher fellowships.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE: L. C. Schmidt, PhD (Melbourne University), reader in civil engineering, Melbourne University to a Commonwealth fellowship.

Edinburgh

M. P. Los, BDS, has been appointed lecturer in restorative dentistry.

Durham

Miss I. Panns, BSc (Econ), MA, has been appointed lecturer in economics from October 1.

Grants

Centre for Environmental Studies: £24,361 for research into state regional policies and uneven development: the case of the NE, under Dr R. Hudson, for two years.

Science Research Council: £38,017 for investigation of high energy data base, under Professor B. H. Bransden and Dr F. Gault, for five years. £11,866 for a study of meson-meson production under Dr A. D. Martin for three years.

Latest appointments

The following have been appointed by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, to be members of area archaeological advisory committees for rescue archaeology, in Greater London and Cornwall and Devon:

GREATER LONDON: Professor D. M. Wilson, Professor of Medieval Archaeology, London University (chairman); A. F. Arbour, B. A. Barker, Dr Caroline Barron, Professor W. F. Grimes, Professor F. R. Hodson, T. A. Hume, R. Merrifield, Dr Valerie Pearl, R. M. Robbins, C. Skilbeck, Professor J. J. Wilkes.

CORNWALL AND DEVON: Professor C. Thomas, Director, Institute of Cornish Studies (chairman); Mrs P. M. Christie, H. L. Douch, Mrs C. Gaskell-Brown, Miss A. L. Hamlin, R. G. Holmes, P. J. Hunt, R. J. Julyan, Mrs H. Miles, Mrs F. Nankivel, Miss S. M. Pearce, Dr C. A. Ralegh Radford, Professor W. L. D. Ravenhill, J. Stengelhofen, G. E. M. Trinick.

Other appointments include:

Mr D. Tudor Price and Mr D. B. Watling to be senior prosecuting counsel to the Crown at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr D. A. Jeffreys and Mr M. H. D. Neligan to be junior prosecuting counsel.

Mr G. P. Taylor to be County Court Registrar and District Registrar of the High Court in Salford and joint registrar in place of Mr Registrar Macbeth, who is retiring.

Mr R. W. Howe to be Registrar of the Edmonton County Court. Mr Registrar Western will transfer to the Westminster County Court and Mr Registrar Prothero will transfer to be joint Registrar in the Birkenhead group of courts in place of Mr Registrar Cunliffe, who has retired.

Mr Registrar Bird, of Pontypridd, to be in addition Registrar of the Llandrindod Wells and Knighton County Courts in place of Mr Registrar Ludford, who has retired.

Mr John H. Orr, aged 56, Chief Constable of the Lothians and Peebles police since 1968, to be Chief Constable of the new Lothian and Borders police force.

Mr John Boyden, recording director of Music for Pleasure, to be managing director of the London Symphony Orchestra.

The meaning of Christian tradition

By Michael Richards
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Christian apologists of the 1930s and 1940s—the Hilaire Belloc, C. S. Lewis and Dorothy Sayers generation—often warned their contemporaries that England's Christian tradition was in a state of decline and that unless we were able to revive it, society could not last. Christopher Dawson's historical studies backed up their theme: without the continuing influence of religion, which he regarded as the dynamic element in culture, and in particular, without the Christian religion, civilized life would come to an end.

Often enough, it was held that this decline dated from some specific point in the past, when there had occurred a damaging break in the flow of European civilization. Some placed it at the Reformation: others at the end of the seventeenth century, with Paul Hazard's "Crisis of the European Conscience"; others again said that it had happened in 1789, or in the course of the Industrial Revolution. David Jones wrote of this break in the preface to *The Anathemata*, saying that "in the nineteenth century, Western Man moved across a rubicon which, if as unseen as the 38th Parallel, seems to have been as definitive as the Styx".

The decline of culture, a break in culture, tradition running out, tradition severed: religion for bridge-building, religion for reconstruction, religion for revival; the diagnosis and the prescription were put forward in the twentieth century as they had been in every previous one. Historians nowadays question the diagnosis, and give good reasons for their disbelief. For the sake of the prescription, Christians welcomed the gloomy verdict. But they should, for their own reasons, be sceptics, too: among their articles of faith, it is an intruder.

There have always been men who mourned the passing of their fathers' gods and sought stability in a return to the ways of old. That was how Jews and Gentiles argued against Christianity; since it was new, it was false. Very soon, Christians used the same argument. Since theirs was the religion that had established the State on a firm footing and had given good morals and prosperity to their forefathers, it should be maintained; Christianity became traditional.

In England, Richard Hooker argued on these lines, seeking in his *Ecclesiastical Polity* to preserve much of the Church's corpus of venerable customs and constitutional laws, and urging upon the Puritans (since he could not appeal to Scripture) respect for the long generations of the past. His blend of political conservatism with Christianity, fusing State and Church into a single society, became the *leitmotiv* of a whole line of English thinkers. It was given a new impetus by Coleridge in revolutionary times and fresh life in the twentieth century by T. S. Eliot; in Europe, it was favoured and adapted by men such as Joseph de Maistre, Auguste Comte and Charles Maurras. For the traditionalist, the backward look is decisive. Morals, politics and religion, inseparably one, made us great in the past, and can continue to do so for ever.

But this is a perennial and a damaging confusion; Christian tradition and conservative traditionalism are not the same thing, any more than belief in the Church and loyalty to a particular nation can ever be the same.

The past of which the Church must remain aware is its own past as People of God. Not Byzantium, not Holy Russia, not England's green and pleasant land, not France, Spain or Italy, not Ireland, not the Holy Land itself: these are not the source of the Church's contemporary faith. The Church is quite distinct from all the civilized societies to which it has given inspiration and support.

It is, moreover, an essential principle of the life of the Church that we are not saved, any more than we are damned, by what our ancestors have done. We can learn from their achievements, but the one essential benefit that we cannot inherit from them is our own act of faith. We cannot acquire true religion as we learn our native tongue; we do not believe in it rightly if we think it will make us sons of any earthly, conquering fatherland.

The Church's tradition is the Church's perseverance in unity with Christ. It is our response to the command he has given us, to hand on, in actions as well as in words, the message and the life which we have received.

It is the Church's continuing existence, held together by its common speech, the Word of God, and by its common Spirit. At the heart of the diverse political and cultural forms that have flourished and still flourish on the earth, it represents the essence of true civilization. It has not broken, and will only break when the end has really come. Three Romes have fallen; the West may fall; but neither the world nor the Church, with the purpose it passes on, are yet at an end.

Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting for Sir Julian Huxley was held yesterday at St John's, Smith Square. Lord Redcliffe-Maud, Dr John Baker, Mr Max Nicolson and Dr Glyn Daniel were the speakers. Mr Yehudi Menuhin played the violin. Among those present were:

Lady Huxley (widow), Mr and Mrs Anthony Huxley (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Francis Huxley (son) and other members of the family.

Lord Clark, Lady Greenwood of Rossendale, the Hon Guy Strutt, Sir Hugh Elliott (representing the director-general, International Union for Conservation of Nature), Captain Sir Thomas Barlow, Sir Alister and Lady Hardy, Lady (Charles) Darwin, Sir Landsborough Thomson, Sir Christopher Cox, Lady Gater, Lady (Hubert) Young, Sir Alfred and Lady Ayer, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Sir Laurence Kirwan (Royal Geographical Society), the Dean of Chichester, Mr L. C. J. Martin (representing the Minister of Overseas Development), Dr and Mrs Bernard Kettlewell, Mr Kenneth Lindsay, Miss Jane Drew, Mr Maxwell Fry, Mr and Mrs Harold Raymond, Mr and Mrs Richard Fitter, Mr Crispin Tickell, Air Vice-Marshal G. Sluyn-Roberts and Dr Francis Fraser (representing the council of the Zoological Society of London), Mr David Davies, Miss Eirwen Owen and Dr L. G. Goodwin (representing the staff of the Zoological Society of London) Mr and Mrs E. Carter.

Mr John Lehmann, Miss Rosamond Lehmann, Mr C. R. S. Pitman, Professor and Mrs Jan Reicharadek, Professor A. J. Rutter (Imperial College), Mr and Mrs Eric Hosking, Professor G. P. Wells (Society for Experimental Biology), Mr Lionel Jardine, Professor J. W. S. Pringle, Professor T. S. Westoll, Professor E. B. Ford, Professor and Mrs C. D. Darlington, Mr and Mrs Tenry More, Mr and Mrs Reynolds Stone, Miss Sybille Bedford, Mrs Norah Smallwood and Mr Ian Parsons (Chatto and Windus).

Mr Guy Mountford (president, British Ornithologists' Union) with Mr Peter Olney and Dr A. Melland, Mr L. J. D. Halcrow (also representing Charterhouse), Mr G. T. Corley Smith (representing the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands), Mr and Mrs A. Dowling, Miss Margaret Quass and Miss M. Hubbard (Council for Education in World Citizenship), Mr H. J. Blackham (British Humanist Association), Mr R. Davies (Political and Economic Planning), Mrs M. Adams (Consumer Association), Miss Phyllis Barclay-Smith (representing International Council for Bird Preservation) and Mrs Dawson (headmistress, Prior's Field School).

Church news

Appointments:

Canon S. L. S. Allen, Vicar of St John's, Sidcup, and chaplain to Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, diocese of Rochester, to be also Rural Dean of Sidcup.

The Rev J. O. C. Champion, Vicar of St Stephen's, Redditch, diocese of Worcester, and chairman of the Redditch group ministry, to be Rector of Fladbury with Throckmorton, Wyre Piddle and Moor, same diocese.

The Rev J. Finch, Vicar of St Matthew the Apostle's, Burnley, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St Helen's, Churchtown, same diocese.

Retirements:

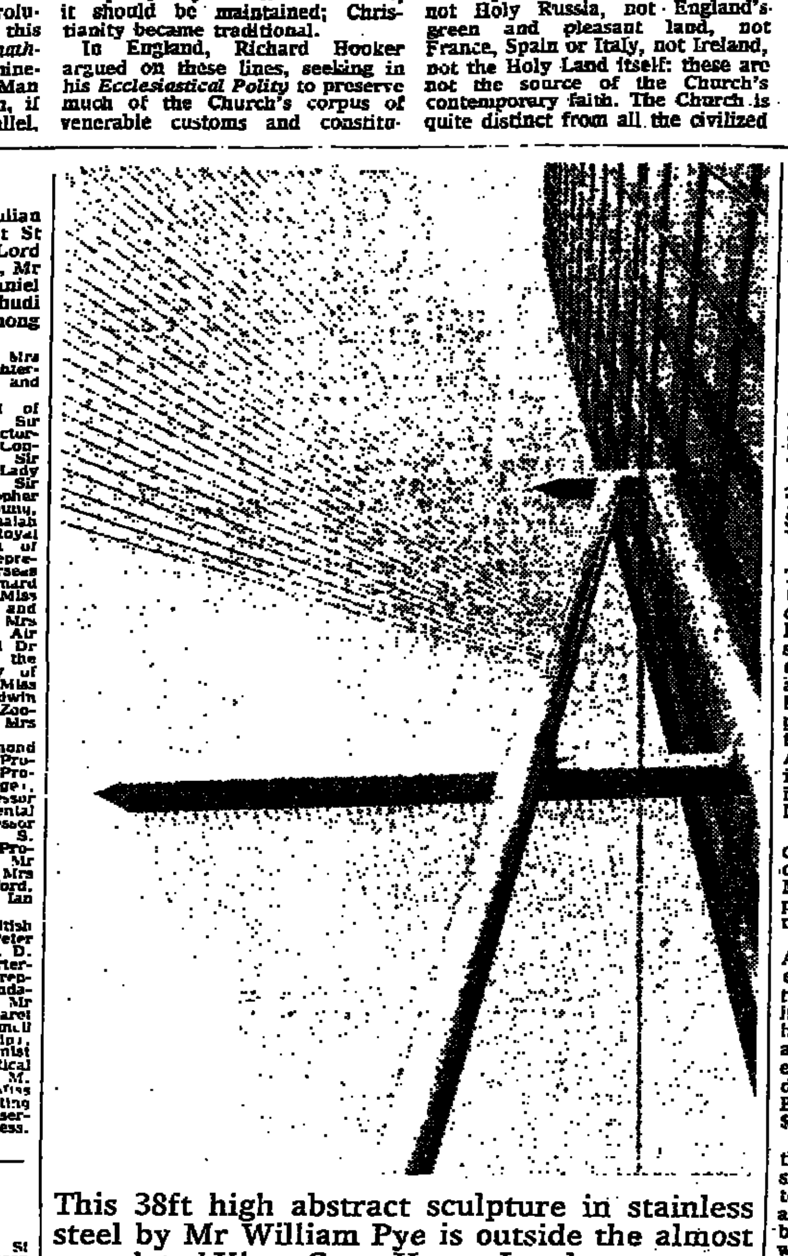
The Ven P. C. Eliot, Archdeacon of Worcester and residentiary canon of Worcester Cathedral, on October 31.

Canon Gwynfor John, Vicar of Clent: on May 31.

The Rev T. M. H. Richards, Vicar of St John the Baptist's, Bedwardine, on September 21.

The Rev W. L. Dicker, Vicar of St Finstall, Bromsgrove: on July 31.

The Rev R. F. Efemey, Vicar of St Thomas's, Dudley, on appointment as liaison officer, Department of Social Services, Trafford, Manchester, on May 17.



This 38ft high abstract sculpture in stainless steel by Mr William Pye is outside the almost completed Kings Cross House, London.

Latest wills

Sir Harry Calvert Williams Verney, of Middle Claydon, Buckinghamshire, last surviving minister of the Asquith Administration, left £6,831 net.

Mrs Honor Fremlin Sterndale Bennett, of Wateringbury, Kent, artist in water colours and painter of flowers, left £115,530 net (duty paid, £8,741). She left £5,700 between six charities.

Mrs Beatrice Ethel Duck, of Eastbourne, left £40,325 net (no duty shown). After personal bequests she left the residue equally between the Benevolent Society of Blues of Christ's Hospital and the Council of Almoners of Christ's Hospital.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid, further duty may be payable on some estates):

Young, Miss Jennie Beatrice, of Brighton (duty paid £7,385) .. £111,998

Jones, Mr Joseph Charles Llewellyn, of Aldham, Suffolk (no duty shown) £313,774

Kendall, Mr Percy Edgar, of Hythe (duty paid £105) £137,526

Nicholls, Major-General Sir Leslie Burtonshaw, of Westminster .. £1,192

Sykes, the Right Rev Sir Benjamin Hugh, of Kenton, Middlesex (no duty shown) .. £35,355

Fischer wants Karpov to state his terms

Manila, April 18.—Bobby Fischer, the American former world chess champion, wants his Soviet successor, Anatoly Karpov, to specify his terms for a match.

Mr Florencio Campomanes, deputy president of the International Chess Federation, received a telephone call to this effect from Fischer today. After the call, Mr Campomanes sent a telegram to Karpov asking him to "formalize" his offer to meet Fischer.

Karpov won the title by default this month when Fischer refused to play because all his demands for changes in the championship rules were not met. Karpov's readiness to meet Fischer outside the auspices of the international federation was expressed in an interview published in Moscow.—UPI.

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret, as Grand President of St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, attends a concert given by Yehudi and Hepzibah Menuhin in aid of the Councils of St John in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, School Hall, Eton College, 7.25.

Exhibition of watercolours by Joshua Cristall, 1767-1847, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.

Exhibition: The Real Dad's Army, including weapons, equipment, documents and photographs relating to the Home Guard, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.

Exhibition of English toy theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, W, 10-5.

London Walk: Henry VIII's London, meet Charing Cross Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition of drawings by Michelangelo, British Museum, Great Russell Street, 2.30-6.

Exhibition: George III: Collector and patron, the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2-5.

Second World War aircraft exhibition, Skyframe Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.

City Walk: The Great Fire of London, meet Monument, 3.

Scenes from American West reach high price

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Two paintings from the Kimbell Art Foundation, of Fort Worth, Texas, brought strong prices at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Thursday.

"On the wing", by William T. Ranney, sold for $50,000 (estimate $45,000-$55,000). It depicts a settler crouching with his gun at the ready while he scans the sky, accompanied by his dog and his son. It was exhibited at the Art Union in 1850 and must have proved very popular. Ranney painted several versions, of which this is the only one signed. The Art Union issued a steel engraving of it, while Currier and Ives issued a lithograph twenty years later.

There was also a celebration of the stupendous natural scenery of the American West, Thomas Moran's "Glory of the canyon", painted in 1902, at $33,000 (estimate $35,000-$40,000) or £13,895.

The sale was devoted to American paintings of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The star item, "Portrait of Joseph Scott", by John Singleton Copley, was apparently unsold: It is an example of Copley's simple but dignified early Boston style; Parke Bernet had hoped for $200,000-$225,000.

Christie's yesterday wound up the week's London sales of Impressionist and modern paintings. Yesterday's sale was a minor one and, as with Sotheby's second sale, a better percentage of the works were sold than in their important Tuesday sale.

The top price was £3,045 for a sunny garden scene by Henri Lebasque, "La femme de l'artiste sur la terrasse" (estimate £3,000-£5,000). A group of five Signac water colours all sold beyond their £1,500-£2,000 estimates; the top price was £2,835, paid by El Zenny for "Pont Neuf; le yacht Hollandais".

One curiosity of the sale was a small Daumier oil, "Deux personnages dans un atelier de peintre". It has been widely exhibited and published but it is in poor condition; K. E. Maison in his major work on Daumier gave it second-rate billing, saying that the right-hand figure had been overpainted and the picture considerably darkened.

Christie's decided to play safe. They catalogued it as "H. Daumier", estimating £200-£400; but the price obtained was £787.50. Daumier oils are very rare. Sotheby's sold one of similar size but in good condition for £16,000 last year.

Sotheby's yesterday held a sale of Continental furniture, carpets and tapestries. The top price was paid for a Hereke silk rug in rich purple with delicate ivory scrollwork at £4,200 (estimate £800-£1,000) but another, slightly larger, of Ardebil design, failed to sell at £3,200 (estimate £4,000-£6,000). An early-seventeenth-century pastoral tapestry sold for £3,200 (estimate £1,200-£1,500) and a Louis XV Oudenarde mythological tapestry made the same price (estimate £1,800-£2,200).

Sotheby's also held a sale of coins.

Bridge teams chosen

The British Bridge League has announced that the following teams will represent Great Britain in the European championships to be played in Brighton in July (our Bridge Correspondent writes).

WOMEN: Mrs M. Esterson, Miss N. Gardener, Mrs F. Gordon, Mrs P. Landy, Mrs R. Markus, Mrs R. Oldroyd. Non-playing captain, G. O. J. Cooke.

OPEN: W. Coyle, M. J. Flint, R. A. Priday, C. Rodrigue, I. N. Rose, R. M. Sheehan. Non-playing captain, L. Tarlo.

OBITUARY

AMY SHUARD

A leading English operatic soprano

Amy Shuard, CBE, one of the leading English lyric and later dramatic sopranos of the postwar era, died suddenly yesterday at the age of 50. Following in the steps of her eminent teacher Dame Eva Turner, she was one of the very few and outstanding exponents in Britain and abroad of the roles of Turandot and Brünnhilde, for which her magnificently sustained and bright clarion tone eminently suited her. And her dramatic gifts, allied to her intense singing, were ideal for the parts of Janacek's Katya Kabanova and Jenufa, both of which she created in this country.

She was born on July 19, 1924, in London, and studied at the Trinity College of Music before beginning her career in South Africa. On her return to this country in 1949, she was engaged by Sadler's Wells Opera, where she remained until she joined the Covent Garden company at the beginning of 1955. While at Rosebery Avenue, she sang most of the leading lyrical roles, breaking off in the middle for a period of beneficial study in Milan under Rosetta Pampanini. Her outstanding performances during that time were her Magda (*The Consul*), Butterfly, her fresh, ardent Tatiana in *Eugene Onegin*, still remembered with pleasure by many opera goers, and her fine Katya. But she also stepped significantly out of her *fach* to sing Eboli in the 1951 *Don Carlos*.

At Covent Garden she soon began to make her mark as a singer of international calibre, especially when in December, 1958, she became the first British Turandot since Turner. It was a role she repeated with increasing authority in subsequent seasons. Then came her first Wagnerian roles Sieglinde and Gutrune, her intense, tragic Santuzza in the famous Zeffirelli *Cavalleria*, Lady Macbeth and Aida.

In 1964 she became the first English-born singer to undertake the complete Brünnhilde at Covent Garden, and she sang the part in several further cycles of the *Ring* there in the following seasons. Strauss's *Elektra*, another performance of tragic power, followed in 1965.

Abroad, she made appearances at Vienna, Buenos Aires, San Francisco and Milan in various other roles. Her sole appearance at Bayreuth was as Kundry, another of her Covent Garden parts, in 1965.

In 1972, at a time when Italian opera houses were going through a chauvinistic period, she was poorly received at the San Carlo opera house, Naples, and left Naples without singing in two final performances of *Turandot*.

More recently at the Royal Opera House she had transferred in *Jenufa* from the title role to that of the dominating matriarch, Kostelnicka, and it was in that part that she made her final, memorable performances at Covent Garden last May. It was typical of her most un-prima donna-like manner that she did not want audiences to know these were to be her last stage appearances.

She is survived by her husband, Dr Peter Asher.

DR ANDREW WHITE

Dr Andrew L. White, who died aged 41 in New York on April 11, will be remembered as a linguist, a balletomane, and a cricketer; but most of all perhaps as a hilarious raconteur of his own adventures.

Born in Darwen, Lancashire, he at first seemed set for a career in first-class cricket, representing his town in the Northern League when only 15 and being offered a place on Lancashire's playing staff at 17. His uncle is the former Lancashire player Crawford White, now cricket correspondent of the *Daily Express*. However, he rejected the family tradition and went from Darwen Grammar School to Jesus College, Oxford, where he read Modern Languages from 1952 to 1956.

At Oxford he was a committee member and later president of the Oxford University Ballet Club, and became well known to many dancers, critics and teachers in the ballet world. By bringing some of the top names in ballet to Oxford, he did much to promote enthusiasm for ballet among the student audience of his day. His own enthusiasm was lifelong, and although never a performer himself, through his encouragement his daughter Antoinette, now 13, shows great promise and has performed on stage and television as a junior member of the New York City Ballet.

After Oxford he won a Rotary International Fellowship which enabled him to complete a D.Phil degree at Munich University. He went on to a teaching post at Benghazi University where he wrote and published an authoritative book on the novelist Thomas Mann. This led to an appointment at Columbia University, New York, and he made his home in Manhattan in 1966. Dr White later joined New York State University as Professor of Comparative Literature and Master of Gershwin College, Stony Brook. He made frequent visits to Europe up to a few months before his death.

He leaves a wife, Gisela, and two children, Antoinette, 13, and Nicholas, 10.

MR DENYS HAKE

CEC writes:

Denys Hake, whose death in New South Wales was announced on April 16, will be remembered in Australia as a great headmaster.

In England he will also be remembered as a great Haileyburian. Head of the School and captain of the Eleven in 1914, he left Haileybury to join the Hampshire Regiment with which he served in India and Mesopotamia. He made haste to get back to Haileybury as a teacher, after graduating in history at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he found time to pick up a hockey blue and a half-blue for racquets, and just missed another blue for cricket. After Cambridge he was twice runner-up in the Amateur Rackets Championship, and kept wicket for Hampshire. An energetic promoter of "cricket weeks" he was always the life and soul of the party, with an infectious laugh. He was a natural athlete, very tall and lithe, with red hair, brilliant blue eyes and strong, rather rugged features.

These qualities were mere externals and it irked him to consider that he might be regarded as a mere gamesmaster. Perhaps too much the Haileybury School Hero, he made up his mind to break away. After a year in South Africa, where the English-speaking element was more liberal than it is today, teaching at Saint John's, Johannesburg, he returned to Haileybury for a second innings as a widely experienced teacher. In 1939 he was appointed Head Master of the King's School, Parramatta, where he was to spend a quarter of a century, his main life-work, to which the Australian Press will no doubt pay a proper tribute.

It was his final task to remove the King's School, which may claim to be the senior of all the overseas "Public Schools", from its handsome old Regency buildings on the outskirts of Sydney to a more spacious site. Denys Hake was a disciplinarian, a strong Anglican churchman, and a broad-minded man, eminently sensible and practical as a teacher. He had countless friends but I never heard of any enemies.

In 1938 he married Elizabeth Cecilia Barton. They had three daughters.

MR PETER FORRESTER

Sir John Musker writes:

Peter Forrester, who died on April 14, gained a First at Cambridge reading Economics, where he was one of the young satellites revolving around John Maynard Keynes. The admiration of those young men for Keynes was unbounded and that included Forrester.

Leaving the university he entered the banking profession in Manchester before joining Barclays Bank and eventually becoming a member of the London Local Board of Directors. The position he occupied in the bank was that of dealing daily with the Money Market and this was a singularly happy choice for all. He virtually became the personification of that market which is known throughout the world as Lombard Street and, in fact, Barclays Head Office, where he worked, is situated in that famous street.

His early economic knowledge became merged with great technical banking expertise in his later years. A few minutes with him in his office was always a very pleasant experience and one to be looked forward to. He gave his very wise judgments with his usual twinkle. Like Keynes, he had no use for pomposity when reviewing the economic problems of the day, the sign of a highly intellectual man.

When the time came for him to retire from Barclays he did not, in fact, sever his connexions with the City, where I believe his heart lay. When saying that the London banking scene has lost an outstanding and charming personality, a banker of great ability, one must not forget the loss sustained by his widow. His like does not often occur in the City of London or anywhere else and he will be missed by so very many. One cannot say more of anyone.

Winnafreda Countess of Portarlington, widow of the sixth Earl of Portarlington, has died. She was the only daughter of G. S. Yuill, and she was married in 1907. Her husband died in 1959.

Air Vice-Marshal Cedric Ernest Victor Porter, CBE, who died on April 17 at the age of 81, commanded RAF Sudan in 1940 and later in the Second World War 70 Group and 22 Group.

Lady Cawthorne, widow of Sir Terence Edward Cawthorne, FRCS, has died. She was Lilian, daughter of William Southworth. She married Sir Terence Cawthorne in 1930 and there were two children of the marriage. Sir Terence Cawthorne died in 1970.

Lady Wood, widow of Lieutenant-General Sir Ernest Wood, has died. She was Grace, daughter of J. F. Goodliffe. Lieutenant-General Wood died in 1971.

Science report

Pollution: Undependable data

The proof of pollution is in the chemical analysis used to establish that it exists, but as Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer, of Imperial College, London, show in *Nature*, the chemical techniques used are sometimes not as dependable as they should be. Establishing whether rain, snow or sea water, for example, are sullied with pollutants, such as heavy metals, is likely to become increasingly important. When such findings are certain to influence environmental policy and legislation, they must be beyond question.

Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer looked very carefully at measurements of sodium ions and chloride ions at different places throughout Europe, including the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Their suspicions were aroused when they discovered discrepancies in data collected by stations of the European Air Chemistry Network (EACN) in Norway, Sweden and Denmark between 1959 and 1963. The material was particularly suitable for such a study, because during the first two years analysis was carried out at two laboratories (in Copenhagen and Stockholm) but in the latter part of the period all the samples went to Stockholm.

The analytical results can be reduced to a single ratio, that of the monthly amount of chlorine in rain or snow falling on a given area of ground to that of sodium. The ratio for sea water is 1.80, and any measured deviations from that value might indicate that additional sodium or chlorine was being added, perhaps from an industrial source. The thing to do was to compare the ratios at the EACN stations chosen, both before and after the change in laboratory procedure.

During the time two laboratories were being used, the stations in Denmark (all of which had their samples analysed in Copenhagen) did not, statistically speaking, come up with high (or low) values of the ratio at the same time as the Norwegian and Swedish stations, samples from which were analysed in Stockholm at that time. When only the Stockholm laboratory was used (in the second half of the period) high (or low) values in Denmark tended to be associated with high (or low) values in Sweden and Norway.

Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer suggest that values of the ratio different from that of sea water are to all intents and purposes as likely to be caused by some quirk in the analytical arrangements as by the presence of some source of additional sodium or chlorine in rain or snow. The occasional unwitting dispatch of a contaminated set of sample bottles or something more fundamental to the chemical analysis, they conjecture, could be possible explanations. If it was just an occasional effect, that would explain why suspect values cropped up in different parts of Scandinavia at different times when two laboratories were used.

As further proof of their contention, Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer also examined the data from monitoring stations in the United Kingdom. In that case they had access to results from a station run by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, which was separate from the EACN and used different techniques in the shape of neutron activation, X-ray fluorescence and other techniques.

The station is at Wraymires, Cumbria, and the results from it for 1971 show no signs of significant deviations of the ratio of chlorine to sodium from that for sea water. But at the EACN station at Eskdalemuir, 110 kilometres north of Wraymires, twice as much sodium was measured as would be expected if it all came from the sea. That suggests that a land source as Eskdalemuir was contributing as much as the sea.

But it turns out from the results for yet another EACN station, this time at Lerwick, in the Shetlands, that there is also apparently a considerable sodium excess, which, when due allowance is made for the fact that Lerwick receives 10 times as much sea salt as Eskdalemuir, suggests a sodium excess some 2.5 times larger than at Eskdalemuir. But where in the Shetlands, hardly the most highly industrialized part of the United Kingdom, could such a strong land source be?

Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer do not believe that there is one. Anyway, they say, even if there were, it would somehow have to operate in sympathy with the one that seems to be near Eskdalemuir, for similar deviations of the ratio occur at the same times. Dr Paterson and Professor Scorer play their trump card when they say that the Lerwick and Eskdalemuir samples are both analysed at the same laboratory and could therefore be subject to an artefact of the analytical procedure.

Not surprisingly, they think that the whole analytical process should be very carefully looked into. They give a warning of the dangers of errors in measuring chemicals other than sodium or chlorine.

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Services tomorrow: Third Sunday after Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30, Rev J. G. Todd, TD and Benedictus (Lang), HC, 11.30 (Wills short), Int Haec dies (Viadana); E, 3.15 Canon H. Wilson, Mag and ND (Ley in C minor), A, My beloved spake (Purcell).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, M, 10.30 (Gibbons short), A, Haec dies (Byrd), Canon J. A. Baker; HC (said), 11.40; E, 3 (Gibbons, 2nd), Rev D. Painter, 6.30, Rev J. McCulloch.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9, 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Wood in C minor), A, O come let us sing (Hearn), Rev Dr Harry Lelever; Choral Evening Prayer, 3 (Sumsion in A), A, Christ is risen (Byrd), Very Rev Harold Frankham.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL, ST JAMES'S: HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15, A, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Canon L. Saxon.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Ireland in F), Canon Edwyn Young, A, My soul, there is a country (Parry).

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): 11.15, Canon S. H. Evans, A, God is gone up (Croft).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited): M, 11.30 Rev R. Tydeman, A, It se Sion (Gibbons).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, TD (Stanford in G), A, Credo quod redemptor meus vivit (Parsons), Rev P. Gillingston.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Walmisley in C), Jub (Wesley in F), A, Wherefore thou, relignost (Schubert), Bishop of Birkenhead.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8; M, 11, Band; Welsh Guards, Rev J. S. Westmuckett, A, My soul, there is a country (Parry); HC, 12.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, The strife is o'er (Gibbs), Rev L. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; M, 11, TD, 11 (Wesley short), A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Resident Chaplain; E, 3.30 (Gibbons, second), A, O how amiable (Gardner), Rev E. R. Watson.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11 (Sumsion in G); E, 3.30 (Williams).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. Anderton.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street, LM, 8 and 5.30: HM, 11 (Rachmaninov in B flat), the Vicar; E and B 6 (Noble in A minor), Rev David Painter.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15; 12.10: Parish Communion, 10; Choral Eucharist, 11, Rev Christopher Dent; E, 6.30, Prebendary Harold Loasby.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. W. Davidson.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; Family Communion, 9, Mr M. R. C. Sherlock; M, 11, Rev C. Patterson; E, 6, Rev M. Kemp.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.5; M, 11, and E, 6.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: SE, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith: Renewal of Marriage Vows, 3.30.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Lecu sacerdos (Foley), Coronation Mass (Mozart), Sang waters (Ireland), Bishop of Lebombo, E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11 (Byrd, short), A, Cantate Domino (Byrd), and E, 6.30 (Byrd, short), the Rector, A, Make we joy (Byrd).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11; Mr I. G. Stride, Jub (Ireland in F), Gloria (Stanford in C); E, 6.30, Rev Dewi Morgan, Mag and ND (Byrd, short), A, Ye who now sorrow (Brahms).

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: HC, 8 and 10, HM, 11 (Harwood in A flat), Rev John Vine; E and B, 6.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11 (Stanford in F), Mot, Haec Dies (Rombault), Rev E. G. Ople.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12; MP, 11, Canon G. Stacy; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. P. Baddeley; E, 6, Rev J. F. Hester.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45, Rev William Booth; M, 11, TD (Walton in G), A, My beloved spake (Hadley); E, 6, Mag and ND (Tomkins), A, I know that my Redeemer liveth (Handel).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, HC, 8, Family Communion, 9.45; M, 11.15, Rev Andrew Gough; 6.30, the Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30: Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev J. J. Potter; M, 11.15, Rev R. L. O. Rees, A, Remember Jesus Christ (Smith); E, 6.30, Rev J. P. Hill, A, Ye now are sorrowful (Brahms).

ST MARY'S, Bourdon Street: HC, 8.30; Parish Communion, 11 (Blackwood in A flat), Rev R. Miller; E, 6.30, the Rector.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Prebendary F. Coventry, Missa brevis in D (Mozart), Mot, Jubilate Deo (Lassus); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill: Choral Communion, 11 (Darke in E), Dr Martin Israel.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, Confirmation and Parish Communion, 11, Bishop Mark Hodson, A, Gloria (Hall); E, 6, Rev G. Baynes, A, Creation's Hymn (Beethoven).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Rev Donald B. Harris.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11 and 6.30, Rev R. M. Rimmer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Darke in F), Rev Colin Gill, Mot, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8, Parish Communion, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11, Missa Sandi Augustini (Miller), Rev Keith Hobbs; E and B, 6, Rev Richard Hayes.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev Dr George G. Cameron.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; HM, 10.30, Mass for a Meane (Shepherd), Rejoice in the Lord; Jubilate Deo (Schütz); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, In resurrectione Domini (Vecchi), V and B, 3.30, Mot, Exultate Deo (Handel).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), Mass in D (Charpentier).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa A. Paschalis (Van Nuffel), Resurrexit sicut dixit (Wakelkamp).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 (Father John Tracy), 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm; Sung Mass, 11.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev Ralph Calder.

KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian / Congregational), Allen Street: 11, Rev B. K. Telly; 6.30 (HC), Rev E. G. Miller.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30, Dr Peter Masters.

KINGSWAY HALL, WC (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev D. Hall Roberts.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Professor G. W. Collins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev Allen Birtwhistle.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

Photography

a Special Report

Charles Trusler

A photographic outing in Sussex in the 1890s (left) when cameras such as these required exposures of about two seconds. Above: press cameras (speed potential, 1/1200th of a second) confront the Chancellor as he left to present his Budget on Tuesday.

from *An Age of Cameras* by Edward Holmes (Argus Books, £7.50)

Trend to international camera

by L. Andrew Mannheim

The traditional image of independent, nationally oriented photographic equipment industries has slipped somewhat out of focus during the past few years. The industry is engaged in a migration exercise, and the key to it is labour cost.

Wage differentials between West Germany (and America) and Japan helped Japanese camera manufacturers from the 1960s to capture an overwhelming market share for their products: today about 80 per cent of the three million or so 35mm single lens reflex cameras produced annually in the world. Japan is almost as prominent in the manufacture of lenses and amateur ciné cameras.

The West German and American photographic industries reacted to this situation in one or more of four ways.

On a basis of if you cannot lick them, join them, first American then German enterprises started to get cameras and lenses manufactured in Japan. Sharing of knowledge and collaboration agreements have drawn in names formerly associated exclusively with German top-level precision production.

Thus Yashica is making an advanced miniature reflex camera system for Zeiss (which two years ago stopped its camera manufacture as uneconomical) and Leitz, now under Swiss financial control, is having the most recent Leica produced by Minolta in Osaka. Minolta has in the past made ciné cameras for Agfa; Bell & Howell is also having ciné cameras produced in Japan. Such manufacture may sometimes be partly or wholly financed by major importers, for instance in the United States.

Second, highly automated mass production can reduce the labour share of the operation to a point where the location of production plants becomes less relevant. On this basis Kodak turns out low-cost amateur still and ciné cameras by the million in the United States, Britain and even Germany.

Third, wage rates are catching up in Japan, and manufacturers are establishing production plants in cheaper-labour developing countries, often with tax advantages. The most famous of these operations was Rollei's establishment in Singapore. Japanese firms have followed suit by setting up production locations in Malaysia, Taiwan, Hongkong and South America, while Leitz hopes that the political situation in Portugal will not interfere with the operation of plants the firm is building there.

Last, to hedge bets in a recession climate, not a few photo equipment producers are diversifying into scientific instruments, specialized industrial equipment, electronic calculators and other gear.

Subject to the above developments, the main weight of precision camera production on the world market is in Japan which a few years ago displaced West Germany from its leading production and export position. Significant advanced systems manufacturers outside Japan are Leitz (Leicaflex) in West Germany and Pignons (Alpa) in Switzerland, though the sales of the latter are lower.

Precision roll film reflexes for larger pictures (usually 6 x 6cm or 6 x 7cm) are also represented by several specialized Japanese firms, but the Swedish Hasselblad, which provided the inspiration for most of these designs, remains the best known and best selling. Japanese manufacturers have concentrated less on large format technical cameras where Sinar in Switzerland and Linhof in West Germany are the best known (and probably best selling) makes.

Germany has retained a significant share of the prestige and of the precision optical market which Zeiss helped to create nearly a century ago. To supply military and scientific applications (often less subject to tight costing) specialist firms have also prospered in the United States, Britain, Holland and other centres. Japan, however, is again the principal supply source for medium and low-price optics.

By contrast, camera accessories, darkroom equipment, lighting units (including electronic flash) and so on need far less capital investment for production than precision cameras. Hence manufacturers with good ideas rather than big financing provide small individual market contributions to large markets of big distributors.

Electronic flash units, too, can be produced by smaller plants which market under their own name or supply units to bigger makers. The main manufacturing countries are Japan, the United States, West Germany and

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aphy has a record better in bad times, say in popularity les, than it does in Ir Frank Dunmore, of the Photographic Association, says. oney is short, Mr explains, "larger penditures, such as ases or extensive airs, are put aside. is not totally curowever: money reailable for smaller like television sets, ors or cameras. inciple is endorsed ian Smith, managing director of Rank Audio Visual, who confirms that sales of the more expensive cameras and equipment have not declined since the start of the world recession. The sales curve has evened out recently but has not taken a downward trend.

With inflation running at more than 20 per cent a year, people do not want cash in hand beyond their normal living requirements —they prefer something more tangible. There is reasonable hope for continued growth in the sale of photographic products, despite the additional 12 per cent value-added tax which the Chancellor will impose from May 1.

Although conventional photography will continue to hold its interest for the professional and the true enthusiast, on the mass market it will have to give way to the need for an instant picture. Technological advances in this field of simplified photographic processes are being made and the next few years will undoubtedly see even greater changes.

Kodak is about to enter into instant photography. Together with the already established Polaroid company, competition for the amateur market is likely to be fierce. Looking beyond the next 10 years it is generally accepted that video tape systems will be within the financial reach of the mass market. It is available today, but in terms of money the talk is in thousands of pounds. Until it can be reduced to the lower hundreds, it will remain unattainable for all but pop stars and professional users. But the concept is an intriguing one.

With a video camera no larger than a super 8mm ciné camera and a video cassette recorder the size of a small shoe box, together with the facility to hook up to a television set for viewing, full colour-sound videos of family life will be the norm.

Photography is also on the increase as a hobby. In contrast to many other pastimes, a visual as well as a technical challenge is involved. It may not be true that the latest electronic zoom lensed camera will produce artistically better results, but many camera users feel that it does, and manufacturers foster this attitude.

On the other hand, both for commercial reasons and from a genuine desire to help the consumer, there are areas of development in which the manufacturer is seeking to maintain the hobby interest. One of these areas is certainly towards more simplified home colour processing. Much of the mystique and difficulty of colour printing is being removed. Colour heads for enlargers are becoming less complicated and easier to afford and the same goes for colour print processors.

Colour materials, too, are now much simpler to manipulate and faster to react. There is a three-chemical bath for prints giving a finished result in nine minutes, a great advancement on past processes.

Gloomy picture for students

Professional-type cameras, lenses and equipment in general are more readily available to the amateur as a result of the introduction of cut-price purchases. Though many high street retailers, who cannot afford to buy in bulk, are critical of this practice, they have to agree that it increases the general interest in photography.

However, as one retailer recently pointed out, a lower turnover and a higher profit is preferable and more contact with the customer is essential. The cut-price dealer does not take equipment in part exchange, deals only in cash transactions and is not interested in hire purchase arrangements.

He can thus afford to work on as low as a 5 per cent margin by buying in bulk and having to do less for the money. Before and after sales service and guarantees are risk factors when high discounts are given. Even so, one of the biggest selling incentives is a price advantage.

The professional photographer is uncertain of the future. While there is talk of camera sales maintaining a steady growth, one hears of studios closing down through lack of business.

Advertising has been hit by the present recession and advertising photography has suffered in consequence.

Fashion photography is not enjoying the success that was evident even three years ago. The bottom has inevitably fallen out of the film industry, taking many stills photographers with it. This paints a gloomy picture for the dozens of students leaving photography schools each year, but it is no new situation: the luxury end of the profession has been on the decline for some time.

It is estimated that the industry employs between 20,000 and 30,000. Many are in-plant photographers — medical, scientific, technical —and hold permanent posts. Others run specialized businesses or freelance operations in visual areas where their talent and reputation give them a high fee potential. Throughout the country there are a great many studios centring their activities on portraiture, weddings and other social and family occasions with colour photography the predominant need.

Taken as a whole, the British photographic industry would appear to be financially stable. United Kingdom manufacturers are selling well to foreign markets—their products include lighting equipment, electronic flash, industrial enlargers and lenses, audio-visual equipment, projectors, low-priced instamatic cameras, sensitized materials including X-ray plates, papers and films and photographic chemicals.

These exports earned £441.4m in 1974—considerably more than the 1973 total. Imports were £332.2m, giving a credit balance of £109.2m—a healthy sign for the industry and a boost for Britain in overseas trade.

Imports and exports by main trading countries, 1971-74 ($m)

	Imports				Exports			
Photographic equipment	1971	1972	1973	1974	1971	1972	1973	1974
United States	147.3	202.8	225.7	230.7*	401.9	509.2	392.0	523.4*
Japan	48.1	63.5	51.3	60.2	300.9	411.3	441.2	526.4
West Germany	152.2	276.3	—	—	274.6	398.1	—	—
Britain	110.9	210.8	133.0	372.4	193.2	332.8	234.2	448.6
Italy	58.8	111.4	96.7	—	212.4	54.5	47.4	—
Sweden	96.2	69.3	55.1	—	20.7	23.7	18.9	—
Soviet Union	8.5	13.6	11.2	—	18.7	14.7	14.6	—
Photographic materials								
United States	222.0	264.6	149.6	160.0*	562.9	668.0	447.9	508.7*
Japan	93.5	105.1	82.1	157.3	116.5	145.0	92.1	116.5
West Germany	250.1	308.2	193.1	—	359.8	391.4	252.5	—
Britain	127.6	156.0	97.3	401.3	264.2	312.1	181.7	579.5
Italy	137.2	175.0	103.1	—	37.0	77.2	50.0	—
Sweden	77.4	86.1	36.5	—	17.4	14.6	12.9	—
Soviet Union	4.0	4.5	5.5	—	5.7	6.0	6.2	—

* first 11 months only.

For the years 1971 and 1972 the table (excluding the Soviet Union figures) is based on Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development statistics of foreign trade, listed under Standard International Trade Classifications 8614, 8615, 8616, 86161, 86169, 862, 8623, 8624. National foreign trade returns were consulted to provide 1973 and 1974 figures for the same SITC groups. Table compiled by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

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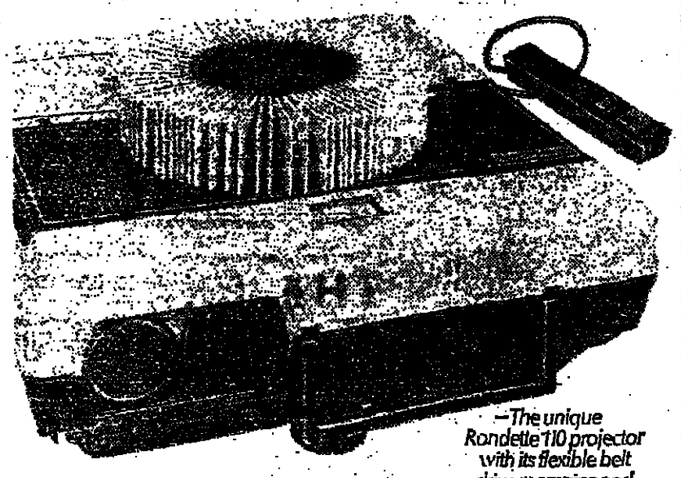

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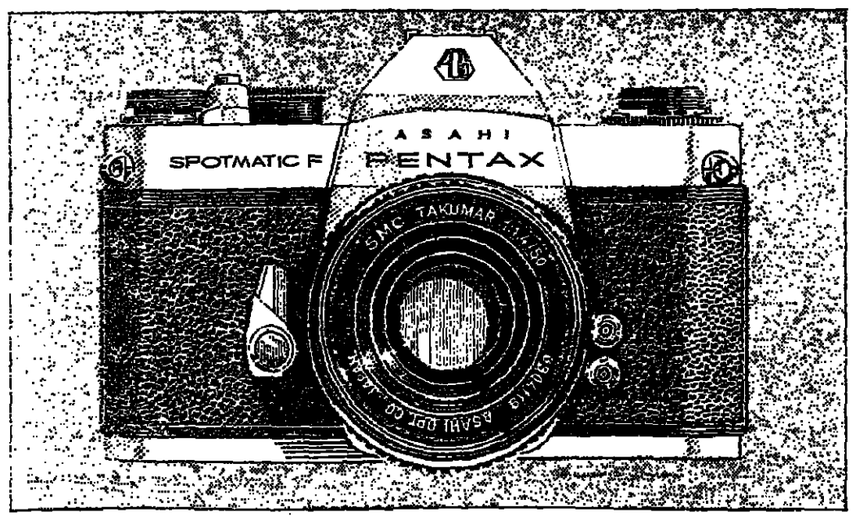

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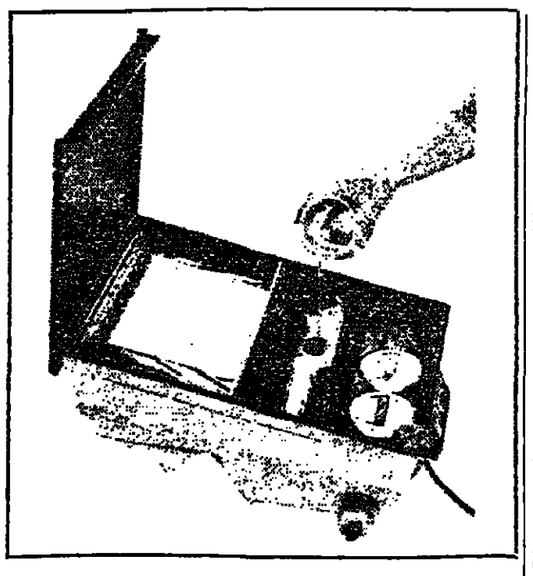
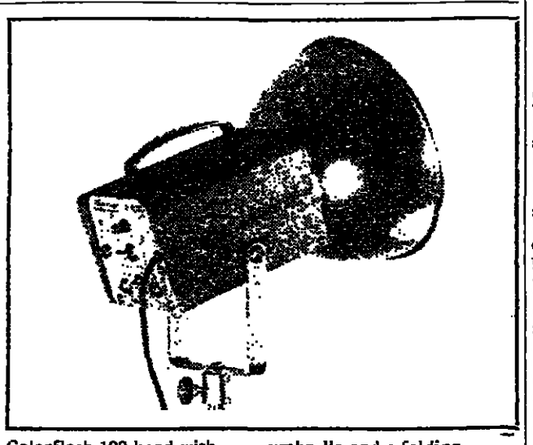
Function and innovation, styling and price—each plays an important part in marketing photographic equipment. Peter Keen examines six recently launched products that score highly on all counts and rank as serious tools of the trade



A new concept in colour print processing has just emerged from the United States in the form of the Agnekolor "Lamina Flow" processor. A continuous flow of liquid chemical is pumped over a flat platen upon which the sensitized paper is placed with the emulsion face down. The paper floats on this thin layer of liquid and is held in place by surface tension while the process takes place.

Exposed paper is put on to the platen in safelight conditions and the light-proof cover closed. The rest of the process is done in normal room lighting. This is not a single process, so chemicals are replenished by removing one ounce of used chemical and replacing it with one ounce of new for each 10 x 8 print area. The processor will accommodate one 14 x 11 print or a combination of smaller sizes.

There are several advantages with this unit: it is simple and clean to operate, economical with chemicals and it can be used with a darkroom. Operation is by the now standard three-bath chemistry for prints and with the Kodak process a print takes a little less than nine minutes, which is ideal for amateur use and well priced at £155 plus VAT. The importers and distributors are Pelling & Cross, of Baker Street, London, W1.

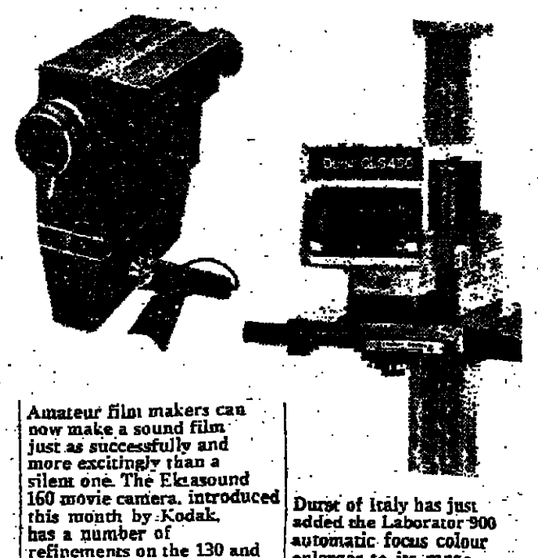


Studio electronic flash equipment has tended, until recently, to be outside the amateur's reach, and Clive Courtenay and Company, of Dorking, Surrey, with an international reputation in this field, has given much thought to the need for *more compact, more* transportable and less expensive equipment. The outcome of its research has been the introduction of the Colorflash 100. The specification includes some of the following: guide number 110 with 125 ASA film; coverage 70° 12ft circle at 10ft; flash duration 1/1000th of a second; recycling time two seconds; colour temperature 5500K; weight five pounds. A suggested starting kit comprising a Colorflash 100 head with mains lead and satchel, synchronizing lead, umbrella and a folding stand will cost £48 including VAT.

Motor drives for 35mm cameras tend to be as large as the camera bodies themselves. However, a few manufacturers have designed units little larger than pistol grips, among them the Olympus Optical Company. This OM motor drive is connected to the camera body using the tripod screw socket, with a direct coupling to the film transport and shutter mechanism through the camera base plate. The control grip housing the power packs, 12 1.5 volt alkaline or nickel cadmium batteries, is mounted on to the drive unit. There are *two settings* used for shooting, one for single frame operation and the other for up to five frames per second, at upwards of an eighth of a second. Should the shutter be required to operate at slow speeds, for instance a half-second, the motor drive will compensate automatically to two frames a second, each of a half-second duration. The retail price of this compact unit, distributed by David Williams, of London, is about £165.

The Singer Caramate is an ideal transportable audio-visual unit for slide-sound presentations. It incorporates a 2 x 2in slide rear-screen projector with a standard two-track cassette record and playback sound system facility. The Caramate is simple to operate. Slides —up to 80 in glass mounts or 140 in card mounts— are loaded into the Carousel magazine situated on the top of the viewer. A pre-recorded presentation tape, pulsed and recorded by the photographer or salesman, is inserted into the cassette magazine and the push-button control operated.

The image appears on the 9 x 9in screen and is accompanied by synchronized music or commentary, giving an effective and exciting slide-sound programme. The unit measures 13¼in high by 12½in wide by 11½in deep and weighs only 18½ pounds. The Caramate sells at £297 plus VAT and is distributed by Rank Audio Visual at Brentford, Middlesex.



Amateur film makers can now make a sound film just as successfully and more excitingly than a silent one. The Ektasound 160 movie camera, introduced this month by Kodak, has a number of refinements on the 130 and 140 models which make it easier to operate, a 9 to 21mm f1.2 power zoom lens being one. The 160 *also incorporates a sound* recording system including amplifier with automatic gain control.

The camera motors are powered by 6 AA size alkaline batteries with a life span of about 15 cartridges and the camera amplifier is powered by a nine-volt alkaline transistor battery which has a life of approximately a year. To operate the camera one simply drops in a sound film cartridge, plugs in the microphone, presses the starter button and points the camera.

Kodak Ektachrome 160 sound movie film Type A and Kodachrome 11 sound movie Type A come in 50ft factory-loaded cartridges. Both films are magnetic striped and the sound and vision are recorded simultaneously within the camera. Suggested retail price of the Ektasound 160, including *microphone* and batteries, is £255.90 with value-added tax.

Durst of Italy has just added the Laborator 900 automatic focus colour enlarger to its range. The emphasis in the design of the L900 has been placed on speed of handling. The "periscope" type of operation is used for raising and lowering the head on the column and rotating the right-hand grip (motorcycle accelerator style) for fine focusing.

Fitted to the L900 is the already well-known CLS 450 halogen colour-mixing head which is also the 250-watt light source. The head has the facility to dial in filter densities from zero to 130 in densitometric values. As the L900 is primarily a roll film enlarger for use with 35mm, 6 x 6cm and 6 x 9cm, there are two lenses of 50 and 80mm.

This is undoubtedly a high-priced enlarger at £850, but for a commercial organization requiring high-quality enlargements with high-speed operation, the cost factor should not be the deciding one. Durst enlargers are distributed in Britain by Tecfo, a new division of Johnsons, of Hendon.

Plebeians flourish but the aristocrats are almost defunct

by Kevin MacDonnell

The aristocratic side of British camera production has almost died out, but the plebeian branch is flourishing. More cameras are being made in Britain than ever before, but they are of the inexpensive, mass-produced snapshot variety. Cameras for professionals and for advanced amateurs come mainly from abroad.

Yet up to about 1930 British cameras were supreme: demand for the beautifully made wooden instruments was worldwide. The decline started when improvements in emulsions and lenses allowed photographers to use smaller negatives, since a camera made from wood cannot have the precision necessary for negatives smaller than 2½in by 3¼in. British manufacturers lacked experience in the mass-production of small metal instruments and the market went first to Germany and then to Japan.

The first British camera was constructed by the village carpenter of Lacock, Wiltshire, in 1835. Henry Fox Talbot, a fellow of the Royal Society and for a year a Liberal member of Parliament, drew for him the plan of a wooden box only 2½in square which was fitted with a lens at one end and held a 1in square piece of light-sensitive paper.

The lens passed a lot of light (it was a microscope objective with a focal length of 2in and an aperture of about f2.3) and after half an hour's exposure, Fox Talbot found he had produced a negative of the outside of his home, Lacock Abbey.

The carpenter built several more of the little boxes, which Fox Talbot's wife understandably called "mousetraps", and several survive.

In mid-Victorian times Britain had many precision woodworkers whose skill came directly from the cabinet-makers of the eighteenth century. Rather than turn to mass-producing furniture many of them decided to make cameras instead. Firms like Dallmeyer, Ross or Cooke supplied outstanding lenses while Gandolfi, Marion, Lancaster, Sanger-Shepherd and Thornton Pickard made the camera bodies and dark-slides.

When photographers started to use cameras, Britain still turned out better instruments than its competitors. The Sanderson and the Sinclair, the Soho, the Adams and the N & G reflexes are collectors' pieces now, but for all that they can still take technically fine photographs.

The death-knell of that type of British camera was sounded in 1925 by the appearance of the Leica. Few in Britain took the camera seriously at first but during the next few years cameras became smaller, and greater precision was achieved than could be obtained by wood and brass. The idea of the miniature finally became accepted.

Even if the war had not come, the industry would have declined. Within a year or two of peace attempts were being made to manufacture a high-precision small camera and many people will remember the Wrayflex, the Reid & Sigrist, the Kershaw Peregrine, the Microflex and the Corfield Periflex.

They were promising products but no British manufacturer seemed able to mass-produce precision. Today, we specialize at both ends of the photographic scale, producing highly technical instruments for scientific use, often built to special order, and inexpensive snapshot cameras such as the Kodak Instamatic and the Polaroid SuperSwinger. The turnover of those two alone is far greater than that of the entire prewar industry.

One small firm keeps alive the tradition started by the Lacock carpenter. Gandolf & Sons, of Peckham Rye, South London, still season their own mahogany, cut it by hand, make their own brass fittings and produce what are still the finest cameras of their type in the world. In that narrow section of the field, Britain has no competition, but production in the hands of just two people is limited to few cameras a year. The waiting list is a long one but overseas buyers are prepared to wait.

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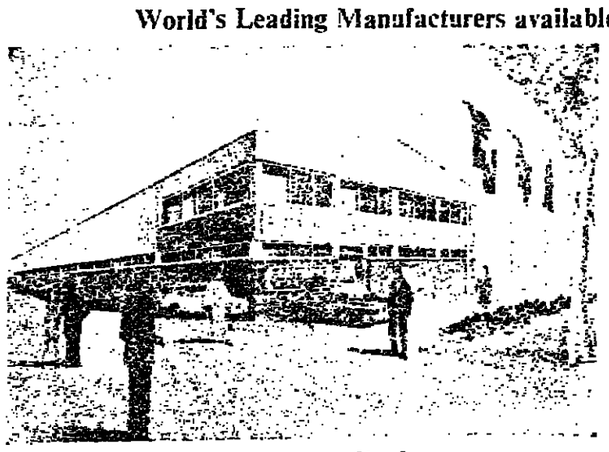

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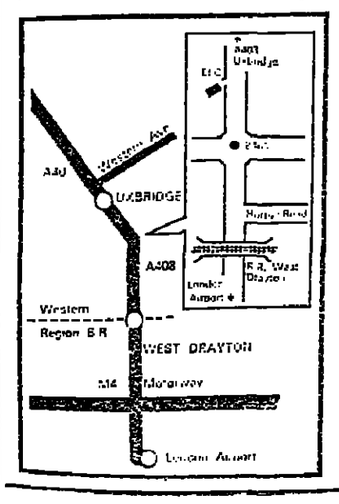

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The Leica is 50 years old this spring

In the early 1930s, as Europe emerged from the gloom and depression of the First World War, people with money to spend were seeking luxury. England and Italy were producing high-quality cars. France was selling Coco Chanel gowns. Germany, well established in the field of precision engineering, had a reputation for its cameras, the best known being the Leica.

The Leica story really started in 1911 when Oskar Barnack, a German camera designer, joined the optical company of Ernst Leitz at Wetzlar, about 30 miles north of Frankfurt. His brief was to design and make a miniature camera capable of producing photographs of high technical *quality. By 1914 Barnack* had successfully developed an experimental roll-of-film camera using standard 35mm ciné film with a frame image of 24 x 36mm, a brilliant concept from which all 35mm cameras have evolved.

It was from that experimental camera that prototype Leicas were produced in 1924, and the first production model came on to the market in March the following year. Known simply as *the Leica I, it had an E'mar* 50mm f3.5 lens, a focal plane shutter with speeds from 1/20th of a second to 1/500th of a second and time exposure, a slip-on range-finder and a film frame counter.

Special light-tight film cassettes again transformed the small camera concept. The all-metal body was finished in black enamel. A year after production of the Leica I started the Compur Leica came on to the market. Though basically the same camera as the 1925 model, the shutter was of the Compur type—positioned between the elements of the lens.

By 1930, with about 60,000 cameras on the market, the Leica I was made with a screw-mount, facilitating interchangeable lenses. In 1932 the Standard Leica was manufactured. There was little improvement over the Leica I series except for the addition of the pull-out film rewind knob and its availability in either black enamel or chrome finish. But each improvement made to the Leica, even to the smallest of details, indicated that Leitz were striving to produce perfection in camera design. That attitude was beginning to filter through to the buying public, for sales were rapidly climbing and had reached more than 100,000 by 1933.

With the Leica II, also available from 1932 onwards, the camera had a built-in coupled rangefinder incorporated into the design which made focusing more precise, and the lens flanges and mounts were standardized.

In 1933 the Leica III series was introduced, and with it came a number of refinements. There was a slow-speed dial allowing exposures of a second. The IIIa had the increased top shutter speed of a thousandth of a second, a speed that could stop a racehorse in full gallop.

Much faster to operate

The IIIb viewfinder and rangefinder were positioned close together, making it a much faster camera to operate. Between the introduction of the last two models, Oskar Barnack, the man in whom Dr Ernst Leitz had seen so much potential as a camera designer, died. The year was 1936.

It was at about that time that another German camera appeared on the market. Carl Zeiss, of Jena, working along similar lines to Leitz, produced Zeiss Contax. Though fewer were made, Contax devotees considered it superior to the Leica.

In 1938 Leitz produced the Leica 250, the 250 denoting the number of film frames available in the two enlarged cassettes on either side of the camera body. The large cassettes held 33ft of film and were designed with the photo-reporter in mind. Though a heavier camera and bulky to handle, it did mean that the news photographer had plenty of exposures in reserve.

The body serial number by this time was close to 250,000, an indication that Leitz, as well as being the forerunners of small camera development, were now firmly in the forefront of planned system camera designers. Alongside the camera bodies, they were developing a vast range of lenses, reflex housings, near-focusing devices, bellowing units, micro attachments, motor drives, enlargers, and a host of accessories.

Few commercial models were developed in Germany during the war. The IIIc, which was possibly for military purposes in 1940 (grey-painted models were issued to Luftwaffe pilots), was not on the international market until the late 1940s. It was then sold with the Summar 50mm f2 lens in collapsible mount.

With the Elmar 50mm f3.5 lens, *the Summar f2 be*comes a classic in the field of lens design. A number of different models were produced simultaneously in the immediate postwar years. Between the IIIc and the IIIg other model numbers such as the Ic, IIc, If and IIf were produced concurrently, and various small improvements were introduced, but it was not until the M series that noticeable changes in design became apparent.

The M3, produced in 1954, was virtually a restyled camera. In addition to its more streamlined look, there were many technical modifications which helped the operator to get his pictures quickly and reliably. As well as the lever-wind film transport and shutter resetting system (vastly superior to the winding knob on previous cameras) other features, such as the hinged camera back and bayonet lens mounting, all made for faster use.

Also incorporated in the M3 were a bright-line measuring viewfinder with automatic parallax compensation: automatically faded-in image frames for 50, 90 and 135mm lenses; and an attachable exposure meter with direct shutter coupling. The M2 and M1 followed without much modification. In 1960, during the M1 production, the millionth Leica camera was manufactured.

Another landmark came in 1965—the Leicaflex. Although 35mm single lens reflex cameras were by no means new to photographers *for Leitz it constituted a de*parture from 30 years of producing rangefinder cameras, and the firm spent about eight years over its development.

The need for improvement continues. The Leicaflex has been replaced by the Leicaflex SL and SL2, the M4 by the M5, and last year the CL or Compact Leica was introduced. The CL follows the original thought behind the Leica I, a small camera which fits discreetly into a jacket pocket. As Henri Cartier-Bresson (owner of the 750,000th Leica to come off the production line) found, it is ideal for taking candid photographs of people. The combination of its size (4¼in long, 3in high, 1¾in deep) and its black body make it very unobtrusive, and as the shutter is little more than a whisper at all speeds the subject is unaware that he is being photographed. With this camera the history of the Leica is brought up to date.

The Leica I and the Compur Leica are collectors' items today. A rare presentation Leica, gold-plated and encased in red crocodile, was sold recently in New York for $8,000. Readers might find a search in the attic rewarding.

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The disadvantage was that the large cell of the selenium meter had a fairly wide angle which would include the whole of the scene in front of the photographer, whereas the camera lens might only include a small part of it and this area might need more, or less, exposure than the remainder of the subject.

Later meters were designed which used a small cadmium sulphide element instead of a selenium cell. The electrical resistance of this element varied according to the brightness of the light falling upon it so that when put into circuit with a battery, the amount of current flowing through it would be at its greatest when the light was bright and at its lowest when the light was dull.

By again connecting it to a galvanometer, the needle would indicate the exact brilliance on a scale, and from this the exposure could be determined.

The element's advantages over the selenium cell were that it worked in much lower light levels and was small enough to be placed inside the camera body so that it could measure the brightness of the light entering through the lens.

This gave accurate results with any focal length of lens. "Through-the-lens-metering" cameras, as they were called, were launched by every manufacturer almost overnight.

The disadvantages were that a small battery was needed to power the cadmium sulphide element and had to be renewed occasionally, perhaps once a year, and that this element's over-sensitivity to red could easily give false readings in certain conditions. In addition, if photographs were being taken in bright light and the change was suddenly made to shooting in poor light, it took a few moments for the cadmium sulphide element to adjust itself to the new light conditions.

The latest system uses a blue silicon chip instead of a cadmium sulphide element, the advantages being an instant response to sudden changes in light and a more accurate colour sensitivity; it is probable that it will replace the cadmium sulphide system in the future. A battery will still be needed, however.

At the same time that through-the-lens-metering became popular, electronic shutters were being developed. The focal plane shutters used on most single lens reflexes have two blinds or curtains. When the shutter release is pressed, the first flies across in front of the film and the second completes the exposure a fraction of a second later.

The accuracy of this exposure, in other words, of the time lag between the movement of the two blinds, depends on a clockwork arrangement of springs, gears and cams. These mechanical focal plane shutters are extremely complicated devices which have to be assembled and adjusted by skilled workers, who are becoming more difficult to find.

Shutters with an electronic timing mechanism—cheap, reliable, needing no adjustment and fairly simple to assemble—are therefore replacing mechanical ones.

As with so many modern photographic inventions, the electronic shutter was first used in Victorian times. Eadweard Muybridge (Edward Muggeridge of Kingston upon Thames) used them in 1878 to take action sequence photographs of horses in California. The first blind of the shutter was released in the normal manner and the second was held back until released by an electro-magnetic catch.

Modern electronic shutters work in exactly the same way. A spring pulls the first blind across but the second blind is not released until enough current has reached the electromagnetic catch.

The speed at which the current builds up is controlled by a resistance; in some cameras each shutter speed has a separate one while in others the current is controlled by an infinitely variable resistance that changes according to the brightness of the light, and gives exactly the right shutter speed.

The current argument is between those photographers who want to be able to set the aperture themselves while the camera sets the shutter speed automatically, and those who prefer to set the speed while the camera selects the aperture.

The latter system is preferred by action photographers who need to stop movement and the former by people to whom depth of field is of more importance, such as natural history workers.

Both systems give accurate results and the problem of getting the right exposure, that has been with us since photography was invented, seems to have been permanently solved.

Large numbers of full-automatic single lens reflex cameras are available in this country, manufactured by Pentax, Canon, Fujica, Minolta, Nikon and Yashica, to name a few. All give accurately-exposed results, and usually the more expensive ones are rugged enough for professional use. There are also many fully-automatic cameras with eye-level viewfinders and non-interchangeable lenses, designed for the less advanced amateur. Both types allow concentration on the things that really matter—lighting, timing and composition—without distraction from the mechanics of photography.

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ensive research to improve instant pictures

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nt *picture system* a long way since oid Corporation of ntroduced the first camera in 1948. *principles of the* are largely un- to integrate into a less conventional esign the mechan- eded to activate pes of film, which te both positive tive, and to allow retrieval within f the finished posi- and, however eso- chemistry, to make of the picture and val as simple as or the user. and is a captivating The psychological to using, or being hed with, an instant mera is very differ- that experienced ger-established "see s next week" photo- The immediacy of encourages involve- photographer and oid picture allows ay between subject ographer which is experience. It is e principled reasons ly all big expedi- emote parts of the clude instant pic- eras among their —not so much to e expedition's pro- to establish a rap- port with the different peoples they may encounter. A picture does say more than a thousand words—especially if you do not speak the language.

So attractive is the idea of "shoot-and-see" photography that the historically sharply defined edge between the conventional photographic establishment and its view of the instant picture system as a gimmick fitted only for amateur snapshotters has started to blur.

Now, in addition to making fairly inexpensive cameras, Polaroid manufacture special instant picture adapters and filmholders, which effectively convert advanced and professional cameras.

Almost all 4 x 5in studio cameras accept Polaroid filmholders, for there is a growing need among professional photographers to make preliminary Polaroid pictures to check composition and lighting before exposing their conventional large-format colour film.

The separation of conventional camera optics from the film-processing essentials also allows the instant picture system to be coupled, as a recording tool, to a vast range of instruments for use in science, industry and medicine.

The oscilloscope is a basic unit for electronic measurement in thousands of research and test procedures. Using a special instant picture camera to "freeze" the trace on the oscilloscope screen is the accepted and predominant technique whenever a permanent record is required.

Most microscopes are designed to accept the instant picture camera back; it becomes an especially useful facility in biological research, for example, when specimens degrade or mutate even as they are being studied. In medicine, the opportunity for photographically-unskilled staff to record physiological conditions and attach a photograph to a patient's record is often a boon to the specialist unable to follow the patient's day-to-day progress.

In countless disciplines the immediacy of the instant photograph is complemented by its convenience. Among the latest developments in medical instrumentation are ultrasonic ante-natal scanners which determine the position of an unborn child in the womb. The scan is recorded as a Polaroid print. So, too, is the output of the recently announced, soft-tissue X-ray scan system developed by Electric and Musical Industries, initially to aid brain tumour diagnoses.

In less exotic circumstances instant pictures comprise a principal file in a steel foundry, recording in detail ingot qualities and casting intricacies. The surveyor's departments of many local authorities use instant pictures to supplement planning applications and to define progress on building projects. They are employed by insurance assessors to record vehicle damage after road accidents, by police surgeons to amplify their notes at the scene of a crime, and by forensic scientists in ballistic comparisons.

Continuing intensive development and research, coupled to a widening awareness of the instant picture's potential, is eliminating some of the system's constraints of recent years—in particular the bulkiness of the camera and the psychological shock of paying at one time a film price which must also cover developing and printing costs of a fairly large photograph.

In industrial and scientific use, the instant picture's economy in eliminating the labour, delay and space of conventional photographic processing is being increasingly recognized.

The range of films, which include black-and-white prints, colour prints, mono chrome transparencies and specialist films for oscilloscope recording and graphic arts applications, has recently been supplemented by film which simultaneously delivers both a print and a fine-grain negative in 30 seconds. This is being used in a big copying project for more than 15,000 historic photographs in the archives of the Royal Photographic Society.

A reduction of bulk is just one of the objectives realized by the introduction of Polaroid's "third-generation" instant picture camera—the SX-70. It is no larger than a paperback book. The messy residue of the former process is totally contained within a hard, dry, self processing image assembly. Far from having to be retrieved, the assembly is driven out of this revolutionary single-lens reflex camera, gradually to evolve in the user's hands into a colour photograph of high quality with archival stability and resistance to fading.

The advanced technology of this new system is in the process of spilling over into the highly popular and inexpensive range of "peel off the print" cameras. Within the past few weeks the company announced a new 60-second developing colour film—they call it Polacolor 2—which makes use of the brilliant colour metallized dyes initially developed for the SX-70 system.

In Britain Polaroid claims sales of one in every five still cameras and a consistently impressive annual growth rate. Since Kodak, too, has recognized the need to be in the instant picture market, it may not be many years before instant picture photography becomes conventional.

jects of collectors' craze being saved for nation

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ast few years there n some astonishing booms but none nishing than the early photographic s, early photographs ks illustrated with photographs (mount- printed, on the ast year's figures big London houses own story. At Chris- nover rose from £97,190; at Sothe- via from £36,635 to then, in Sotheby 's sale of October £52,000 was paid lbum of 94 photo- y one of the great amateur Victorian by, Julia Margaret The album, with Mrs Cameron and a long letter from bought by Mr Sam an American; for time, the Reviewing e for the Export of ld up an export or photographs in t the National Por- lery might have a acquire it. The ban May 2. By the begin- this week £20,000 n raised and Mr ord, the gallery's f film and photo- s confident that he eed in raising the full amount. To aid the appeal *The Sunday Times* has published six reproductions of Mrs Cameron's portraits. One or two albums are known to exist.

Like many other fads in collecting, the photographic craze started in America, probably as a result of the reprinting of photographs of the civil war during the bicentenary celebrations. Names like Matthew Brady suddenly became famous to television audiences and from war photographs the search spread to the Indian wars and the far west; it went on to include every aspect of nineteenth-century life. One Idaho businessman drove thousands of miles in his own state, Montana and Wyoming knocking at ranch-house doors and asking for old photographs. In one he found a photograph of a lynching in the 1860s. At $10 a time for reprints it has made him a fortune and it still sells.

In Britain, amateurs like Mrs Cameron and Lewis Carroll (whose photographs had always been collected in a small way) became celebrities; hard-working local professional photographers like Sutcliffe of Whitby and Taunt of Oxford became names to conjure with. Not only did their work fetch high prices in the saleroom but enterprising publishers reprinted their work, safely in the public demesne, in volumes devoted to particular cities or counties or even to individual men.

Cartes de visite, once thrown away contemptuously, are now treasured and the National Portrait Gallery recently held an exhibition of them. Daguerreotypes, which were to be found in any junk dealers, have become respected antiques, even one of a dead baby finding its way into the saleroom. The Arts Council has mounted a major exhibition, The Real Thing, with a wide range of British photographs from 1840 to 1950, at the Hayward Gallery until May 4. The exhibition will later visit Sheffield (June 21-July 27), Bolton (August 9-September 13), Birmingham (September 27-November 9) and Bristol (November 22-January 3).

It is difficult to know how close to the present one must advance to find the end of high prices. A 1974 calendar with pictures of a naked Marilyn Monroe made £120 almost a year ago and the passion for Pirelli calendars is well known. Certainly many fashion houses must bitterly regret having thrown away albums of annual shows and styles. Equally certainly, many well-known modern photographers are finding that prints of their major work are realizing prices comparable with paintings.

One field that does seem to be somewhat neglected, in spite of the pioneering work of Mr and Mrs Howarth-Loomes, is photographic jewelry, where daguerreotypes and other similar portraits are set in rings and pendants. It is still possible to buy them comparatively cheaply in antique fairs and charity shops.

Photographic apparatus, not having the immediate appeal of the picture itself, is a different matter and much of the demand for it is institutional. Even private buying is mainly from the scientific point of view, and the layman finds it difficult to decide what is rare and what is not. The panoramic camera of the 1880s, which brought prices of about £11,000 a year or so ago, appears to be unusual and one has a feeling that the really rare pieces are probably from the 1920s and 1930s.

Early books on photography and photographic manuals are a different matter, and even such otherwise minor characters as Tom Wedgwood have a place in the pantheon of photographic experimenters which makes their letters and their portraits much more valuable than they otherwise would be.

Perhaps the most surprising increase in prices has been in illustrated books. Helmut Gernsheim, the great historian of photography, once told me that in the early days the women who were employed to trim the prints straight and then stick them absolutely squarely on the page were paid a penny an hour. But even so comparatively common a book as Street Life in London by John Thompson and Adolphe Smith, published in 1877-78, will give some idea of the rise. Five years ago it could have been bought for about £50. In March 1974 it would have cost £1,600; in March, 1975, £3,000.

International camera

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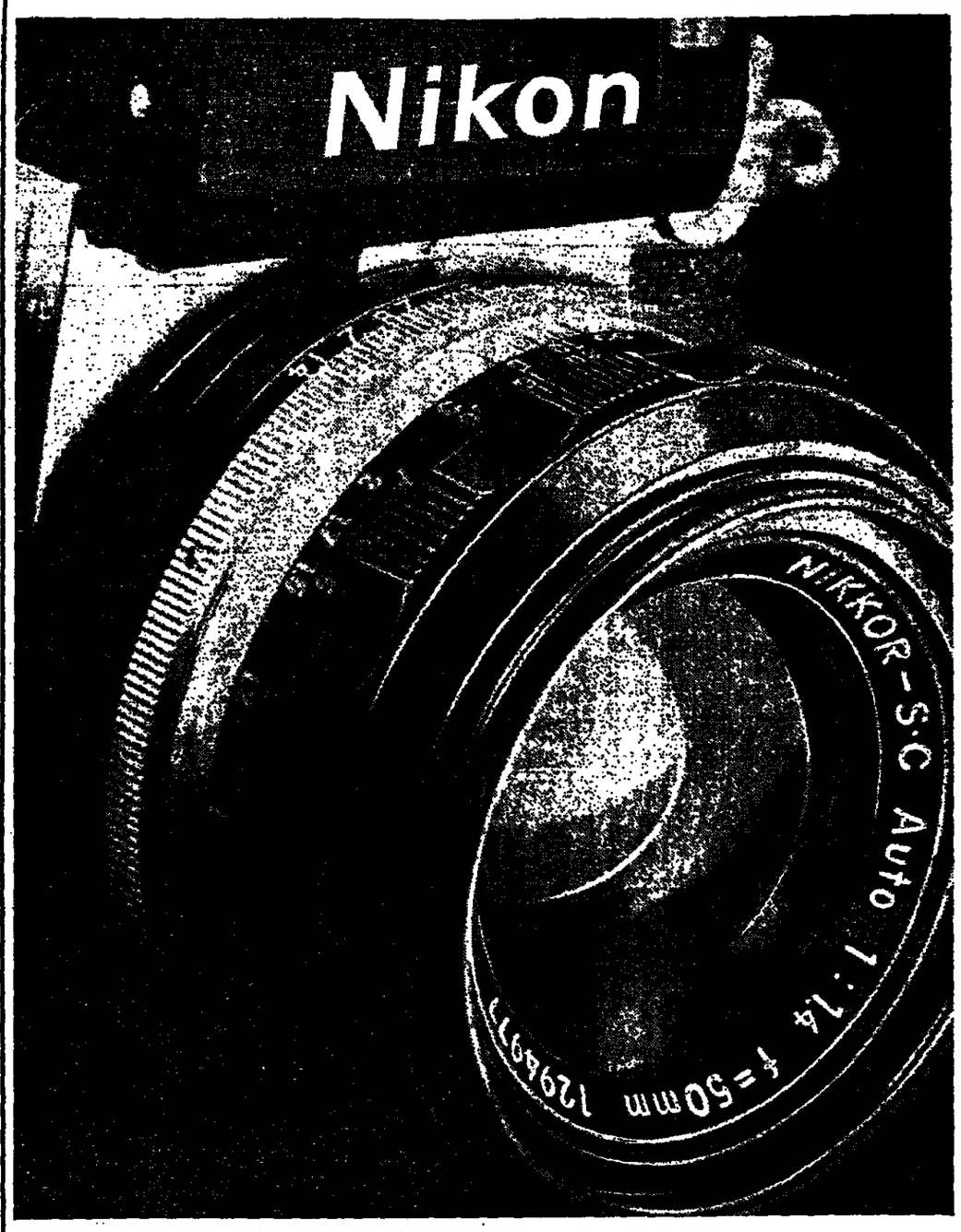
Singapore. Larger studio lighting systems also come from Switzerland and France.

By contrast with photographic equipment manufacture, production of sensitized materials is monolithic but with world-wide manufacturing facilities. Mergers and takeovers over the past 15 years or so have reduced this scene to fewer than a dozen major producers and a similar number of smaller firms.

The most famous of the international names is Kodak with manufacturing plants in the United States, Britain, France and so on. Outside its German and Belgian plants, Agfa-Gevaert also produces films in India and South America.

Du Pont and 3M from the United States have European centres in the EEC in Germany and Italy respectively. Ciba-Ilford's production is located in Britain, France and Switzerland—as in the case of 3M, Du Pont and even Agfa this is subsidiary to a much bigger industrial chemical operation. Japan has two main film and paper manufacturers (Fuji and Konishiroku) while Orwo (East Germany) and the Soviet film industry provide most of the material for Eastern Europe.



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86⅝	76	Exch 5½	1976-78	86¾	+⅛	5.784	9.617
78⅜	69¾	Treas 3½	1979	78⅜	..	3.816	8.978
102⅝	94½	Treas 11½	1979	102¾	..	11.182	10.808
90½	69¼	Elec 4½	1974-79	89¾	..	5.383	9.691
99⅝	85½	Treas 10½	1979	99¼	+⅛	10.513	10.525
79⅜	67⅜	Elec 3½	1976-79	79⅛	..	4.436	9.276
85⅛	81⅜	Treas Cnv 9½	1980	94¾	..	9.548	10.033
84½	69¾	Fund 3½	1978-80	83¾	..	6.409	9.900
78	64½	Treas 3½	77-80	78	..	4.587	9.278
73½	61¾	Treas 3½	78-81	73¼	+⅛	4.722	9.369
71	59½	Treas 3½	1979-81	70½	..	4.532	11.009
104½	86¾	Treas 12¾	1983	102⅞	..	11.848	11.736
78	65	Fund 3½	1952-84	75¼	..	7.455	10.063
82¾	69½	Treas 3½	1894-86	80	..	10.543	11.637
73¾	61¼	Fund 3½	1965-87	67¾	..	9.570	11.468
76¾	63	Treas 3½	1985-88	72⅝	..	10.525	12.320
46¾	39¾	Treas 3½	1978-88	42¾	..	7.170	11.885
52¾	39¾	Treas 3½	1936-89	51	..	9.833	12.365
73½	53¼	Treas 5½	1987-90	71½	..	12.025	13.882
58	41¾	Fund 5½	1987-91	51¼	..	11.141	13.934
92½	69¾	Treas 12¾	1992	92¾	..	12.377	13.846
57¾	40¾	Fund 3½	1993	48¾	..	13.212	13.580
79¾	54¾	Treas 9½	1994	68¾	..	13.382	13.968
40½	25¾	Redmptn 3½	1986-96	29¾	..	10.181	12.478
37¾	24¾	Gas 3½	1990-95	30¾	..	9.772	12.862
20½	15	Treas 12½	1996	19¾	..	13.823	14.009
77¾	54¾	Treas 9½	1992-96	69¾	..	13.649	14.055
69¾	48¾	Treas 6¾	1995-98	48¾	..	13.857	14.185
73¾	53¾	Treas 8¾	1997	66¾	..	13.228	13.571
74¾	54¾	Treas 8¾	1999	70¾	..	13.975	14.234
34½	21¾	Fund 3½	1999-04	28¾	..	12.815	13.604
67¾	46¾	Treas 8¾	2002-06	56¾	..	14.253	14.290
48¾	32¾	Treas 5¾	2008-12	39¾	..	14.209	14.315
63¾	43¾	Treas 7¾	2012-15	53¾	..	14.439	14.477
31¾	22¾	Consols 4%		28	..	14.748	..
28¾	20¾	War Ln 3½%		25¾	..	14.424	..
29¾	20¾	Conv 3½%		25¾	..	13.583	..
29½	17¾	Treas. 3½%		24¾	..	14.917	..
20¾	14	Consols 2½%		17¾	..	14.097	..
20¼	14¾	Treas. 3½%	Aft '75	17	..	14.830	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

95¾	72¾	Aust	5½%	76-78	83¾	..	6.586	12.200
77¾	65½	Aust	5½%	77-80	76¾	..	7.316	12.687
81¾	69½	Aust	5½%	81-82	87½	..	9.170	12.758
92¾	76¾	Aust	6%	81-83	87½	..	9.190	12.763
93¾	80¾	Aust	6%	84-86	87½	..	9.439	11.757
77¾	67½	Aus	5%	78-81	76¾	..	9.283	12.710
100	84	Berlin	4½%	Ass	84	..	..	..
36	32	Chilean Mtged			35	..	..	..
70¾	39¼	S Africa	4%	77-83	59	..	10.068	15.688
193	169	German	4½%	1930	192	..	..	..
27½	23	Hungary	4½%	1924	23	..	..	..
82	78	Ireland	4½%	51-53	74½	..	..	..
98½	73	Jamaica	6%	77-78	90	..	9.987	14.759
134	94	Japan	Ass 4%	1910	143	..	..	..
52	46	Japan	6%	53-58	57	..	..	..
28	22½	Kenya	5%	78-82	26	..	8.580	16.611
64	54	Malaya	4%	74-76	59½	..	10.169	12.181
77	57¾	N Z	6%	76-80	76	..	7.973	13.064
98¾	85¾	N Z	6%	73-76	96½	..	6.252	10.848
85¾	64	N Z	5½%	68-82	84½	..	13.312	13.520
72	54	Nyasa	5½%	63-68	70	..	8.571	15.714
74	64½	N Rhd	6%	78-81	73½	..	8.329	13.101
94	81½	Nyasa	6%	78-81	71	..	8.629	13.893
130	86	Peru	6%	Ass	130	+3⅜	..	..
74	63¼	S A Gov	5½%	75-76	74	..	4.436	9.276
45	16	S Rhd	5%	45-50	42	..	9.548	10.533
23	16	S Rhd	4%	47-62	20	..	9.548	10.533
24	16	S Rhd	4%	78-81	22	..	..	..
52	49	Sth Rhdsh	4%		52	..	..	..
62	55	Tang	5½%	78-82	61	..	9.534	15.314
74	61	Uruguay	3½%		61	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

23¼	15½	L C C	3%	1920	20	..	15.277	..
64	50	L C C	5½	80-83	60½	..	8.377	13.319
81¾	58¾	L C C	5½	77-81	68½	..	8.079	13.014
61	49¾	L C C	5%	82-84	61	..	9.218	13.206
49¾	39¾	L C C	5%	85-87	44½	..	10.446	13.508
85¾	74	L C C	6%	78-83	84½	..	9.482	11.008
72¾	68	L C C	6%	78-79	77	..	7.771	13.107
61	42	L C C	6¾	88-90	56	..	12.440	14.178
74¾	53½	G L C	6¾	1970	74¾	..	7.138	11.368
80	60	G L C	6¾	1977	80½	..	7.139	12.455
62	43	G L C	6¾	90-92	53½	..	12.877	14.330
83¾	79¾	G L C	6¾	1977	82½	..	8.091	12.599
99	73	G L C	6¾	80-82	94	..	11.297	12.959
74¾	57¾	Co of L	6¾	1975	63½	..	10.677	12.765
73¾	57¾	Co of L	6¾	80-82	70½	..	9.427	13.333
73¾	56¾	Ag Mt	7¾%	81-84	69	..	11.521	14.163
48¾	35	Ag Mt	7¾%	91-93	38	..	13.806	14.419
50	35	Ag Mt	6%	88-90	42	..	13.800	14.286
73¾	57	Belfast	6¾%	77-80	71½	..	9.058	13.588
81¼	70¾	Brighton	6¾%	76-79	78¾	..	8.144	13.197
98	84¾	Bristol	7¾%	76-78	98	..	7.138	10.825
74¾	58¾	Bristol	6¾%	77-79	74	..	8.784	13.514
72	57	Camden	6¾%	77-79	69¾	..	8.078	13.114
71¾	55	Croydon	6¾%	78-81	72	..	9.314	12.745
81¾	71¼	Edin	6¾%	77-79	80½	..	8.441	13.128
74¾	58¾	Glasgow	6¾%	77-79	74	..	11.331	13.258
84¾	74	Gwlch	6¾%	76-78	83¾	..	8.057	12.741
81¾	62	Herts	6¾%	75-77	80¾	..	7.806	13.341
79¾	62¾	Liverpl	6¾%	77-79	78¾	..	8.601	13.263
74¾	58¾	Liverpl	6¾%	78-79	74	..	8.108	13.549
27½	18¾	Met Water B			22¾	..	13.415	14.483
96¾	82¾	N I	6¾%	79-80	89	..	9.404	16.182
69½	48	N I	7¾%	82-84	58½	..	11.866	15.150
84¾	64¾	N I Elec	6¾%	81-83	80¾	..	10.706	15.289
83	74¾	Notts	6¾%	76-78	84¾	..	8.006	12.709
74¾	67½	Stbend	6¾%	77-79	71	..	6.807	13.154
96	84¾	Swark	6¾%	83-86	89	..	11.163	13.671
90	85¾	Surrey	6¾	78-80	74½	..	8.047	13.216

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

233	130	Alexs Discount	215	+5	16.3	7.6	10.2
460	280	Allen H & Rom	300	..	38.2	6.7	5.6
350	95	Arb-Latham	180	+10	10.5	5.8	8.6
416	110	Aust & NZ	332	+10	13.6	2.9	10.6
47½	30	Bk Rajenstn	30	..	3.0	10.0	9.4
440	215	Bk of Ireland	430	+15	20.0	4.7	4.9
33	22	Bk Leumi Israel	24	..	1.1	4.6	4.6
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	220	..	17.4	7.9	12.9
240	240	Bk of Mtrl	240	..	17.4	7.2	12.3
200	175	Bk of N Scotia	195½	..	59.4	1.9	33.8
265	185	Bk of Scotland	235	..	12.4	5.3	8.2
284	184	Brks Trst NY	257	..	12.4	4.8	7.2
240	110	Barclays Bank	210	..	12.4	5.9	8.2
28	17	Bates E Hdgs	20	..	..	..	5.9
265	65	Brown Shipley	162	+3	10.5	6.5	7.6
80	34	Burston Grp	38	..	5.0	12.5	10.0
275	95	Cater Ryder	235	..	11.0	4.7	..
23	13	Cedar Hdgs	15	..	2.0	15.4	6.6
214	164	Chase Man	194	+4	36.3	3.8	11.2
374	214	Chiltern	374	..	36.3	2.5	6.8
295	165	Com Bk of Aust	238	+12	7.9	3.3	13.5
200	100	Com Bk of Syd	175	+8	7.8	4.4	10.0
36	13¾	Cf De France	29½	..	2.9	47.5	6.8
7½	3½	First Am Fin	6	..	1.1a	7.3	11.0
8	6	Fraser Ans	16	..	17.0	1.5	6.8
300	175	Gerrard & Nat	295	..	2.6	6.8	12.5
70	22	Gibbs A	28	..	10.0	6.9	3.3
180	55	Gillett Bros	145	..	10.6b	7.9	6.7
175	55	Guinness Peat	134	+1	10.6b	7.9	6.7
75	45	Hambros £10	215	..	10.5b	6.3	6.6
6	4	Do Ord	173	..	4.9	6.0	7.7
330	60	Hill Samuel	182	+1	4.9	6.0	7.7
115	84	Hong K & Shang	115	..	4.6	21.7	29.6
245	84	Israel Brit	220	..	15.6	3.6	4.8
315	220	Jessel Toynbee	282	..	7.3	9.7	3.9
210	132	Keyser Ullmann	75	..	7.3	9.7	3.9
230	132	King & Shaxson	62	-2	4.3	7.0	10.5
64	34	Kleinwort Ben	112	..	4.6	4.3	12.2
324	33	Lloyds Bank	210	..	..	3.2	10.1
267	92	Mercury Secs	121	..	3.3	2.7	10.1
34	14	Midland	25½	+1	18.1	6.4	4.8
315	152	Minster Assets	40	+1	3.9	9.8	9.9
110	33	Nat & Grind	67	..	..	..	..
269	114	Nat of Aust	248	+14	7.6	3.1	12.0
83	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	48	..	9.0	4.5	7.2
310	80	Nat Westminster	220	..	12.0	5.4	7.0
79	19	Ottoman	17½	..	1.4	8.0	16.6
135	80	Rea Bros	95	..	3.5	3.7	10.5
33¾	15¾	Royal of Can	25½	..	19.0	3.9	20.8
105	100	Schroders	105	..	19.7	8.8	13.1
210	170	Secombe Mar	200	-10	7.9	7.8	8.6
165	29	Slater Walker	101	..	7.9	7.8	..
110	33	Smith St Aubyn	80	+3	3.7	4.6	8.0
443	150	Stand'd & Chart	432	..	19.3	4.4	8.0
265	150	Union Discount	315	+17	24.0	7.6	6.6
93	41	Wintrust	62	..	4.4	7.0	5.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

72½	31	Allied	63	..	4.5	7.1	10.6
117	41	Bass Charrgtn	97	+1	5.5	5.7	11.1
81	70	Bell A.	75	..	7.8	7.8	10.4
55	32	Boddingtons	47	..	4.0	8.1	11.3
37	21	Brown M.	32	+3	3.9	6.2	10.4
71	23	Burtonwood	56	+3	3.4	6.9	6.4
140	40	Cameron J.W.	110	+3	4.4	4.2	8.4
41	29	C of Lds Dfd	42	..	2.8b	6.7	21.0
95	63	Devenish	85	..	8.7	7.1	7.5
61	42	Distillers	134	+1	7.8	5.8	11.7
56	22	Greenall	55	+1	3.0	5.4	10.8
178	78	Greene King -	130	..	6.1	4.7	7.1
57	37	Guinness	55	+1	3.0	5.4	10.8
98	48	Hardys & H'sons	75	..	7.0	9.3	7.7
153	63	Highland	117	-3	7.0	6.0	11.1
34	16	Invergordon	23	..	2.5	11.0	5.7
62	34	Irish Distillers	49	..	6.6	6.9	7.3
88	54	Long John Int	100	+3	6.6	6.6	7.3
26	17	Marston	24	..	2.1	6.6	8.3
390	85	Morland & Co	220	..	14.2	6.4	12.8
74	22	Scot & Newcastle	58	..	3.5	5.9	8.2
265	15	Seagram	222½	..	13.5	6.1	10.4
1125	51	SA Breweries	105½	..	5.8	5.5	11.0
210	65	Teacher	195	..	12.5	6.4	10.7
215	48	Tollemache A	108	+3	5.2	4.8	11.7
80	14	Tomatin	68	..	3.2	4.7	8.9
270	102	Vaux	225	+3	18.6b	7.9	8.5
73	21½	Wadbread 'A'	61	..	4.1	6.7	10.6
74½	67½	Do B	62	..	4.1	6.7	10.4
210	46	Whitbread Inv	98	..	8.5	8.7	11.2
158	84	Wolverhampton	115	..	..	..	..

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld pence	%	P/E
176	46	AAH	110	+4	12.0	10.9	5.7
182	92	AB Electronic	98	+5	6.1	16.1	2.9
28½	18	AB Cars	22	..	1.3	11.7	6.5
43	23	AD Intl	31	..	2.3	4.8	7.3
96	15	AGE Research	46	..	3.1	7.8	5.7
217	153	APV Hldgs	217	..	13.0	6.0	8.2
80	21	AVP Ind	80	..	2.2	2.8	7.1
29	13	Aaronson Bros	29	..	2.3	7.9	11.1
54	14	Abbey Panels	45	..	4.0	14.3	8.0
106½	46	Acrow	98	..	9.2b	7.7	10.8
27½	25½	Do A	25½	..	2.2b	8.0	12.0
20	14	Adams Food	19	..	1.8	7.4	9.1
10	5	Adda Int	10	..	..	..	..
76	57	Advest Group	72	..	4.5	5.9	7.3
68	8	Aerpro A. & Gen.	15	..	1.2	7.5	9.3
115	68	Airfix Ind	97	..	4.0	4.5	11.3
68	52	Do NV	65½	..	4.0	7.5	8.3
69½	37	Albright & W	69	+3	4.2	6.4	5.6
41	7	Alcan 10¾%	£72	..	1050	14.6	..
85½	21	Do 9¾ Cnv	83	..	800	10.5	..
45	25	Allen Sp	45	..	4.0	10.0	4.2
12	5	Allen W. G.	12	..	1.1	11.7	7.1
14½	7	Alliance Alders	12	..	1.0	10.0	7.4
38	7½	Allied Colloids	38	..	2.1	7.6	10.3
9	7½	Allied Insulators	9	..	1.2	16.0	9.1
9	4	Allied Plant	9	..	1.1	16.6	5.1
38	36	Allied Polymer	36	..	6.2	17.2	5.6
7	7	Alpine Hdgs	7	..	..	..	2.5
133	133	Amal Metal	178	..	18.0	10.1	9.0
15	15	Amal Power	15	..	4.1	9.0	4.2
16	16	Amber Day	16	..	2.0	12.5	4.5
11	6½	Amber Ind Hdgs	11	..	0.6	5.4	4.6
24	24	Amber Chem	24	..	2.5	10.4	6.0
82	82	Anderson Strath	82	..	4.0	4.9	7.3
700	326	Angle Amer Ind	675	..	38.5	5.7	9.1
110	66	Anglo Swiss Hdgs	98	..	4.7	4.8	6.4
110	66	Anglo-Thai Corp	110	..	4.6	4.2	6.3
73	13	Anglowest	24	..	2.4	9.7	10.7
16	8	Appleyard	16	..	1.2	7.5	8.2
39	32	Arguscollum 'A'	39	..	2.5	6.4	9.2
84	52	Arlington Mtr	84	..	5.5	6.5	5.5
51	39	Armitage Shanks	51	..	3.5	6.8	7.2
121	39	Arnold Engin	39	..	2.5	6.4	7.2
49	19	Ash Spinning	49	..	2.5	5.1	6.2
100	43	Asprey Garr Pt	100	..	3.3	3.3	6.4
105	84	Ass Biscuit	105	..	6.5	6.2	7.1
16	16	Do A	16	..	6.5	40.6	7.1
25½	25½	Do A	25½	..	1.6	6.2	7.1
105	21	Ass Brit Eng	21	..	1.5	7.1	8.2
21½	21	Ass Brit Food	21	..	1.2	5.7	10.3
51	21	Ass Engineer	51	..	3.0	5.9	8.2
39½	26	Ass Fisheries	41	..	2.5	6.1	7.2
160	51	Ass Leisure	51	..	3.0	5.9	8.2
158	91	Ass News	120	..	5.0	4.2	7.1
104	52	Ass Paper	52½	..	3.0	5.7	8.2
164	61	Ass Tenn Cement	164	..	10.4	6.3	7.2
46	46	Ass Tel 'A'	46	..	2.8	6.1	7.2
13	13	Ass Tooling	13	..	1.0	7.7	8.2
128	56	Astley & Pearce	64	..	2.5	3.9	6.2
56	56	Atlas Stone	64	..	2.5	3.9	6.2
14	14	Attwood Garage	14	..	1.0	7.1	8.2
25½	25½	Audiotronic	25½	..	1.2	4.7	6.2
13	13	Audit & Wiberg	13	..	1.2	9.2	11.4
29½	29½	Aurora Hldgs	29½	..	2.2	7.5	9.2
38	38	Austin Int	38	..	4.1	10.8	7.2
110	110	Automotive Pd	110	..	4.0	3.6	6.2
74	74	Averys	74	..	4.0	5.4	6.2
39	39	Avon Rubber	39	..	2.5	6.4	7.2
121	121	Axon	121	..	4.5	3.7	6.2
49	49	BPB Ind	49	..	3.3	6.7	7.2
100	43	BSG Int	98	..	4.0	4.1	6.2
48½	16½	BOC Int	47	..	3.3	7.0	7.2
25½	13¾	BSG Int	25½	..	1.2b	4.7	6.2
105	21	BSR Ltd	105	..	5.0	4.8	6.2
95	95	BTR Ltd	95	..	2.2	2.3	6.2
110	98	Babcock & W	110	..	5.0	4.5	6.2
67	57	Bagnall Nigel	67	..	3.0	4.5	6.2
20	14	Baggeridge Brk	20	..	2.2	11.0	5.8
115	68	Bailey C.H. Grd	84	..	3.5	4.2	6.2
97	16	Baker Bros	88	..	4.0	4.5	6.2
19	15	Baker Perkins	19	..	1.2	6.3	7.2
38	38	Bamberger	38	..	3.3	8.6	7.2
19	19	Barker & Dixon	19	..	1.2	6.3	7.2
304	132	Barlow Rand	250	..	12.5	4.9	7.3
34	11	Barr & Wallace	34	..	4.2	12.3	4.3
11	11	Do A	11	..	4.2	12.3	4.3
111	58	Barratt Devs	106	..	4.0	3.8	6.2
16	16	Barrow Hepbn	16	..	4.0	10.4	4.4
38	16	Barton & Sons	38	..	2.3	6.0	7.2
88	61	Bassett G.	61	..	3.3	5.4	7.2
49½	27	Bath & Pland	37	..	2.7	10.0	5.9
39	39	Baxter Fell	39	..	3.0	7.6	7.2
27	27	Beales J.	27	..	2.0	7.4	9.2
32	32	Beecham Clark	32	..	2.5	7.8	9.2
11	11	Beauford Grp	11	..	1.0	9.0	9.2
11	11	Beaverbrook	11	..	0.9a	8.2	..
34	34	Do A	34	..	0.9a	8.2	..
271	110	Beckman A.	271	..	6.7	2.4	6.5
1099	402	Beecham Grp	1099	..	3.4	10.2	4.5
42	42	Beeravon Corp	42	..	3.4	10.1	4.5
34	34	Benn Bros	34	..	2.5	7.3	9.2
116	58	Bensons Int	116	..	3.5	3.0	6.2
146	57	Berisford A. & W.	146	+2	3.9	2.7	6.2
22	22	Berkertons	22	..	3.0	13.6	4.1
45	16	Berwick Timpo	39	..	2.5	6.4	7.2
130	130	Best Bros	130	..	3.0	2.3	6.2
31	31	Bett Bros	31	..	2.5	8.0	9.2
129	56	Bibby J.	56	..	3.0	5.3	6.2
34	34	Billiton J.	34	..	3.3	9.7	7.2
36	36	Birch, Qualest	36	..	5.3	14.7	5.8
14	14	Birm'cham Mint	14	..	..	..	2.1
11	7	Birm Pass 'A'	11	..	0.8	7.2	9.2
115	115	Bishopsgate Secs	115	..	15.0	13.0	9.2
82	82	Do A NV	82	..	10.5	12.8	9.2
68	53	Black & Edg'n	68	..	4.0	5.9	8.2
9	9	Blackford & Co	9	..	0.8	8.8	7.2
116	30	Blackwd Hodge	116	..	4.0	3.4	6.2
46	16	Blackwood Mt.	46	..	2.5	5.4	7.2
109	58	Blagden & N	109	..	4.0	3.7	6.2
94	94	Blagdon Chem	94	..	4.0	4.3	6.2
25	25	Blundell Perm	25	..	2.5	10.0	7.2
16	16	Boardman R. O.	16	..	2.5	15.6	7.2
18	18	Boddy A.	18	..	1.2	6.6	8.2
138	138	Boston Textile	138	..	1.8	16.6	3.6
15	15	Bonas Webb	15	..	2.5	16.6	7.2
125	125	Bonner Mc Con	125	..	5.0	4.0	6.2
145	145	Bovis & Bwkes	145	..	5.3	3.6	6.2
103	103	Bowl H.	103	..	4.0	3.9	6.2
30	30	Boots	30	..	2.5	8.3	7.2
139	139	Boulton W.	139	..	5.0	3.6	6.2
139	139	Bowater Corp	139	..	10.8	7.8	7.2
15	15	Bowthorpe Hldgs	15	..	1.5	10.0	6.2
15	15	Braby Leslie	15	..	1.2	8.0	6.2
45	45	Brady G.	45	..	3.0	6.6	8.2
4	4	Do A	4	..	0.3	6.6	8.2
30	30	Braid Grp	30	..	2.5	8.3	7.2
30	30	Braithwaite	30	..	2.5	8.3	7.2
112	112	Brasway	112	..	5.0	4.4	6.2
16	16	Bremner	16	..	2.5	15.6	7.2
68	68	Brent Chem Int	68	..	3.0	4.4	6.2
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ould suggest that United States interest rates may still come down a little in the next few weeks as banks try to encourage lending. The Federal Reserve is unlikely to try to prevent this because it has been subjected to criticism for the recent slowdown in money supply growth.

In London conditions in money markets have been fairly easy in recent weeks and yields on short-term financial assets have tended to fall. Indeed, yields on short-dated gilt-edged securities have slipped beneath the yield on Treasury bills.

A wide variety of financial institutions were tempted therefore to put in bids for Treasury bills yesterday. Total applications amounted to £792.3m, almost four times as large as the total on offer which, at £200m, was itself unusually high.

Discount houses, which are usually the biggest bidders, were left with only 1 per cent of the allotment, one of the lowest proportions ever.

John Earle writes from Rome: The Italian prime rate, which a few weeks ago was 17.5 per cent and is now widely levied at 16.5 per cent, was today cut to 15 per cent.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the executive committee of Assobancaria, the professional association of banks, which also laid down an 8.5 per cent ceiling on interest paid on big (above 250m lire, about £160,000) current accounts, with corresponding limits for smaller current accounts.

The new prime rate will still leave Italian lending rates high by international standards.

B not a 'soft touch', Don Ryder says

Ryder, chairman of zing committee of the nterprise Board, gave to industry last night oard would not be a h".

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he Government wish NEB in this way. have to be a specific from the Govern- r Don said. "The this purpose will be by the Government specially on each occasion, and will be distinguished entirely from the NEB's normal transactions."

On public ownership Sir Don said that the NEB would normally provide finance in the form of equity capital.

"If the NEB is to provide public money as permanent risk capital to a company, then it must inevitably acquire the rights of ownership that go with that stake. As taxpayers we should have very reasonable grounds for complaint if this were not so."

He stressed that if the NEB wanted to buy shares from existing shareholders it would not have any powers of compulsory acquisition.

Leyland: In a parliamentary answer yesterday Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, said that he would make available "as soon as possible" a report on the principal recommendations of Sir Don Ryder's examination of British Leyland.

n and Baco are selling N company to Norway

Townsend has continued its ncreasing the state's ie aluminium indus- is been agreed in to buy DNN Alu- a company owned Alcan Aluminium of d British Aluminium. chase price of $35m im) is to be shared Alcan and Baco. The DNN is to be sold ite including DNN's hydroelectric power efaldene, the power

id Baco have had an DNN for more than Its assets include a ith an annual capa- 3,000 short tons, at which is producing 0 tons of aluminium he output delivered the owners.

The proposed deal, which is subject to the approval of the Norwegian Storting (Parliament) and the boards of the two owners, follows last year's agreement by Alcan to sell to Norway half of its 50 per cent equity in Ardal Og Sunndal Verk (ASV) which operates three smelters.

This £26.7m sale was approved at the end of last year and gave the Norwegian Government a 75 per cent stake. The Government had previously told Alcan and Baco that as a last resort it might consider expropriation of the DNN shares but preferred a voluntary purchase.

With world aluminium sales continuing to decline, the proceeds of the DNN sale will be welcomed by the two companies. Alcan in the United Kingdom has already decided to postpone some investment projects.

Walk-out by 2,700 halts production at Cowley

By R. W. Shakespeare

All car production at British Leyland's Austin Morris plant at Cowley, Oxford, was stopped yesterday and more than 11,000 workers made idle.

It is unlikely that any cars will be produced before next Tuesday, and even this is doubtful because the management may face fresh trouble over demands for lay-off pay from some of the workers sent home.

A mass meeting of about 5,000 engineering workers at Vauxhall Motors car plant at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside voted yesterday to accept a new deal giving increases in basic rates of £8.80 in three stages over the next 12 months plus an additional payment if the inflation rate exceeds 16 per cent at the end of this year.

Earlier in the week about 1,500 Transport and General Workers' Union members at the plant accepted the deal and 200 electricians will vote on it at the weekend.

The Vauxhall agreement covers 24,000 workers at the Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port factories.

The latest trouble at Cowley stems from a management decision to curtail production of the Marina range by introducing a four-day working week in some areas of the plant. Yesterday was the first day that the Marina lines were closed, with 1,600 production workers laid off.

The dispute arose when the management decided that another 150 "indirect" workers—who service the production lines—would also have to be sent home because there was no work for them.

Transport and General Workers' Union shop stewards then called out all of the 2,700 indirect workers in the plant, telling the management they intended to operate a policy of "one out, all out". As a result another 3,300 Cowley workers had to be laid off and all production halted.

More trouble is threatened on Tuesday when shop stewards are almost certain to demand payment for time lost in the case of all workers sent home, in spite of the fact that there is a union agreement with the management which suspends layoff pay when stoppages are caused by internal disputes.

Tin Council puts limit on exports

Faced with a sharp decline in world demand and falling prices, the International Tin Council yesterday mounted a rearguard action by imposing a 74-day export control period on producers.

At the end of its four-day meeting in London the council decided that the total permissible export amount for the control period, which runs until June 30, will be 26,560 tonnes.

With such controls not having an immediate impact, the ITC also agreed to call up all available buffer stock funds in a further bid to support international prices. Earlier in the day when news of proposed export controls was announced, tin prices on the London Metal Exchange rose by £30 a tonne.

Booming demand in 1974 boosted prices to a record level of £4,245 a tonne but since then declining demand has undermined the buffer stock's ability to protect values.

Producing countries have given a warning that future tin production could be threatened by what they consider to be too low a floor price.

According to the authoritative *Metal Bulletin* yesterday, buffer stock purchases of 6,000 tonnes are thought to have been made recently, tying up a large part of buffer stock finances.

The ITC said buffer stock contributions available from members that were now being called up comprised £13.5m plus a negotiated standby credit of £8m.

The present situation underlines hopes that, when the new Tin Agreement is negotiated in Geneva next month, there will be agreement on seeking International Monetary Fund support for the buffer stock.

Refund offer by London Equity on all policies

By Anthony Rowley

London Equity Assurance yesterday announced its decision to suspend taking on new business for the time being and to offer existing policyholders a refund of all premiums paid under life assurance contracts.

Of the approximately 500 policyholders involved, some 400 are former policyholders of the failed Nation Life Insurance Co who were offered alternative policies by London Equity only last September.

The decision to suspend taking new business and to repay policyholders was taken by the executive board of London Equity after the shareholders had failed to meet an ultimatum to increase paid-up share capital of the company. London Equity is owned by a family discretionary trust known as the Ulster Trust, whose ultimate beneficiary is Mr Peter Thomas, who was chairman of London Equity until last January.

One of the executive directors said last night that the Department of Trade had been kept fully informed of the company's position and intentions and satisfied with the steps being taken. They were the "prudent and sensible thing to do to prevent the company becoming insolvent".

Incorporated in 1965, London Equity was "dormant" for almost 10 years, writing only a few policies linked to estate duty in that time. In April last year it was revamped with a nominal capital of £1m, of which £313,000 was paid up, though "planned expansion of the business" depended on that being raised to £700,000 at least.

Certain Nation Life policyholders who were clients of the Hobbs Padgett broking group were offered a unit-linked endowment assurance, the London Equity Managed Capital Plan, in exchange for their policies. Their refund now from London Equity will include "not only premiums paid to London Equity but also the credit allowed in respect of premiums paid under the former Nation Life policy".

"The board felt that those of its policyholders who previously held Nation Life policies should not have cause to regret their decision to effect policies with London Equity", the company said in a statement.

The surrender terms almost certainly put them in a better position than if they had not taken London Equity policies.

BP buys 45 pc stake in service company

British Petroleum has paid £1.47m for a 45 per cent stake in an offshore service company whose interests include Strongwork Diving (International).

The purchase, which forms part of BP's diversification policy, involves a 45.02 per cent interest in Emerald Offshore Services which was established to invest in underwater services for offshore gas and oil.

Rank Organisation seeks £27m by offer for sale instead of rights

By Peter Wainwright

Rank Organisation, the Xerox copying and leisure group which includes Butlins holiday camps and Odeon cinemas, is the first group since the Budget to test the public appetite for subscribing new money. It is doing so, not by a straightforward rights issue but by an offer for sale.

The group is to issue 20 million new "A" shares at 140p to raise a net £26.9m. Full details of the offer for sale will be published next Tuesday and application lists will open and close on Friday. The offer is unusual in that 70p will be payable on application and the rest on or before May 23.

The ordinary shares rose 30p to 195p on Thursday but closed at 160p yesterday. The "A" shares similarly jumped 30p on Thursday but slipped to 170p on Friday. The issue is being underwritten by merchant bankers N. M. Rothschild and the brokers are Cazenove and Joseph Sebag.

Rank has opted for an offer for sale in preference to a rights issue so as to avoid registrations under the 1933 United States Securities Act and also with the Securities Commissions of Canada. Around 45 per cent of Rank's equity is owned by American or Canadian residents.

Rank was advised that compliance with the requirements for registration would be unduly onerous in the United States and impracticable in Canada. Holders of 66 per cent of Rank's ordinary shares have confirmed that they do not object to an offer for sale.

A third feature is that Rank is using its fund raising to lift the dividend appreciably, as Croda International did with its rights issue before the Budget. The Rank board will recommend for the current year to October 31 a total gross dividend of 9.97p a share, making an increase of 17.5 per cent on the 1974 payment.

The directors plan to pay an interim of 2.19p, or 3.37p gross, a share next November, and, a final dividend of 4.29p net, or 6.6p gross, a share in April, 1976. At 140p the yield would be 7.1 per cent.

A total of 10 million "A" shares will be made available to meet preferential applications by holders of ordinary and "A" shares other than people living in America or Canada. Shareholders will get a letter enclosing the offer for sale and preferential application forms on Monday.

Proceeds of the issue will be used to repay United Kingdom bank borrowings, allowing the maintenance of the existing United Kingdom capital investment programme. Rank has not made an equity issue for cash in 10 years, but it has made convertible issues totalling £44m.

By contrast, group capital has gone up from £115m to more than £500m at October 31 last, and the proportion of shareholders' funds to capital employed has fallen. Borrowing facilities are considered adequate for present needs, but the directors think it advisable to enlarge the equity base and thereby improve the capital structure.

Last night City observers were agreed that the offer for sale would go well. The yield on the new shares was seen as attractive for a blue chip of Rank's calibre and it was felt that the absence from the board's thinking of any bold diversification—along the lines of the plans to buy brewers Watney Mann that failed in 1972—would please United States holders.

Shares dip but interest still strong

By Our Financial Staff

Equities rounded off the Budget week, which is also the end of the trading Account, with another active session on the London stock market. Share prices moved erratically as profits were taken, and market indices were a shade down on the day.

But confidence remained high and investors were showing interest in second line as well as leading stocks.

The *FT* index had climbed to 346.5 by noon but slipped back to close a net 0.9 down at 339.0. This index shows a gain of 43.3 points over the two-week Account, with almost all of the gain taking place after Mr Healey rose to deliver his Budget speech. *The Times* index, 0.08 down at 136.57 yesterday, has gained 16.64 over the fortnight.

A significant factor in post-Budget share trading has been the substantial increase in business. Yesterday's recorded bargains totalled 11,182, while Thursday's turnover was £153m, the highest since the Stock Exchange started publishing turnover figures just over a year ago.

Yesterday's cut in minimum lending rate had been discounted in equities and had little effect on the day's trading. But the market remained worried by the danger that the Budget increase in taxes could spark a further round of excessive wage demands.

Wall St setback: Shares on the New York Stock Exchange sagged yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average close 11.03 lower to 808.43.

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RTZ plan for buying Japan copper stock

By Andrew Wilson
Mining Correspondent

Rio Tinto-Zinc is attempting to set up a consortium which, by buying up the Japanese copper stockpile, could lead to the stabilization of the copper price.

Over-commitment by Japanese smelters has been one of the main factors behind the decline in the metal price over the past year, which has seen cash copper dropping from its peak on April 1, 1974, of £1,400 a tonne to the current £550 after having been down to the £500 level.

Compared with normal stocks of 50,000 tonnes, the Japanese surplus is now estimated as being near the 200,000 tonne mark as smelters have reduced their output by more than 30 per cent.

Also, copper in concentrate form, despite a fall in shipments from producers such as Bougainville and Lornex, is thought to be around 150,000 tonnes.

The smelters are hoping for government loans equivalent to £130m in addition to the £70m already supplied. Last year Japan agreed to a request from Cipec, the organization of copper-producing countries, Chile, Peru, Zambia and Zaire, to restrict exports of refined metal.

If the consortium is formed, the guarantee of finance for the stocks would reduce the financial pressure upon the Japanese.

Fiat chief's plea to curb 'dumping'

By Clifford Webb

Signor Umberto Agnelli, managing director of Fiat, yesterday called for urgent action by the European Economic Community to prevent the "dumping" of cars at prices well below their actual cost value.

He told a London press conference that he was particularly worried by the marketing policy of Russia and Poland who were now selling copies of Fiat cars at retail prices hundreds of pounds cheaper than their Italian-made equivalent.

In both cases Fiat had co-operated in the setting up of plants to manufacture these cars. They had been once-only deals and did not include royalty payments on the Fiat designs now being sold. He did not regret either of these deals and hoped they would stand Fiat in good stead when east European markets were opened up to imported cars and components.

Meantime the Russian Lada—a copy of the Fiat 124—had become quite a danger. It was now selling at roughly the same price as Fiat's smallest model, the 600cc Fiat 126.

Grindlays men to join Brandts

Two new appointments have been made to the board of Brandts, marking the first visible signs of management change since the merchant bank revealed its £14m loss provisions at the beginning of this month.

Both new appointments are from the board of Brandts' parent, Grindlays Bank. Mr C. R. Vincent, a deputy chairman of Grindlays and already a non-executive director of Brandts, becomes deputy chairman, and Mr Peter Jefferys, managing director of Grindlays, becomes a director.

Mr Vincent is a director of Lloyds Bank, which holds 42 per cent of National & Grindlays Holdings. Mr Jefferys was formerly a vice-president of First National City Bank, which holds a 40 per cent interest in Grindlays Bank.

Scottish jobs boost

North Sea oil-related work has already provided 6,000 jobs in the west central Scotland area, the spin-off largely being in module building, and there was hope of more to come, Mr John Smith, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, said in Glasgow yesterday.

Judge refuses Roche plea for sight of Crown papers

By Malcolm Brown

Hoffmann-La Roche, the Swiss-based international drugs group, suffered a reverse yesterday in its fight against the Government-imposed price cuts ordered on the tranquillizers Librium and Valium.

The High Court ruled against the group which was attempting to get access to Crown documents relevant to the price cuts order and the Monopolies Commission inquiry.

Roche said yesterday that it would be studying the judgment in detail next week before deciding whether to appeal. The documents which the group wanted include interdepartmental memoranda and correspondence between the Monopolies Commission and the Department of Industry.

Access to the documents would have allowed the group to examine in detail during the suit it has brought against the Secretary of State for Industry the relationships between the Department of Industry, the Department of Health and Social Security and the Commission.

Hoffmann-La Roche is seeking to overturn the orders made in 1973 under which it was instructed to cut the 1970 prices of Librium and Valium by 60 per cent and 75 per cent.

Mr Justice Templeman, dismissing Roche's claim for disclosure, said that there was a very strong case for the documents to remain undisclosed. There was "no clear indication that Roche require to see them otherwise than for the purpose of making mischief", he added.

The judge also refused Roche's request to see documents involving third parties who had given evidence to the Commission.

Commenting on the Monopolies Commission documents, the judge said it would be an intolerable burden for the Commission if the changes of opinion of each individual member could be charted, and the degree of enthusiasm of every member for different conclusions and recommendations at different times could be debated.

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Opec to call conference on natural gas strategy

After being frustrated in efforts to get together with the oil cartel, Western negotiators may face a confrontation over natural gas.

Sources in Kuwait said both Iran and Kuwait had asked the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), to hold an extraordinary ministerial-level meeting in Vienna on May 15 to consider gas production, prices and use.

Whether Opec can set up the kind of cartel for gas that it did for oil, however, is highly doubtful, industry executives said in New York. Gas supplies are generally plentiful around the world and even more is being discovered and will soon be on the way to consumers from such centres as the North Sea.

In addition gas can only be transported commercially in two ways. One is by pipeline, but it can be cooled to the point that it liquefies, then shipped in tankers. But this is a complex and costly process, and only a few commercial operations are under way.

CEGB warning on cost of coal

A warning to the coal industry to keep prices down came yesterday from Mr Robert Peddie, a leading member of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Referring to last month's large rise in coal prices, he said: 'Coal no longer has the commanding economic advantage it has had over oil since the autumn of 1973."

He was speaking at the formal commissioning by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, of the £113m Kingsnorth power station, near Rochester, Kent.

Romania to make 100 Islanders

Fairey Britten-Norman, the Isle of Wight-based aircraft company, has signed a further contract under which its Islander airliner will be built on a production line in Romania.

The deal enables the Romanians to produce 100 Islanders with options on a further 75, and follows an earlier contract for 215 machines. Other Islanders are built at the Fairey factory in Belgium. Machines from both production lines are then flown to the Isle of Wight for fitting out

Carpet cartel ended

An export cartel operated by four of the EEC's largest linoleum manufacturers, including two British makers, has been broken up. The Commission said in Brussels yesterday that the companies had restricted fair competition by fixing uniform prices and discounts. They were named as: Nairn Floors, of Kirkcaldy, Fife; Barry Staines (Sales) of Staines; Forbo AG of Zurich; and DLW Aktiengesellschaft, of Bietigheim, Würtemberg.

Ford backs small car

More than $2,000m (about £834m) will be spent by Ford Motor Co on smaller, more fuel-efficient cars between now and the autumn of 1978, Mr Lee A. Iacocca, the Ford president, told a Boston meeting yesterday.

Citroen staff cuts

Automobiles Citroen SA has been authorized by M Michel Durafour, the French Minister of Labour, to dismiss just over 300 executives and administrative staff, compared with an originally planned 1,400, it was stated in Paris.

The markets moved

The Times index: 136.57 −0.08
FT index: 339.0 −0.9

ment	5p to 164p	Oxley Printing	3p to 23p
	2p to 168p	Rio Tinto Zinc	7p to 175p
gs	3p to 55p	Plessey	1p to 80p
	12p to 367p	Selection Tst	30p to 585p
d	6p to 330p	Welkom	30p to 475p
m	4p to 72p	Western Areas	15p to 595p
	20p to 265p	Waring & Gillow	11½p to 55p
	5p to 400p	Imp Chem Ind	4p to 242p
rp	1p to 246p	Inchcape	7p to 373p
b	5p to 333p	Lyons J Ord	5p to 155p
	3p to 7p	Rank "A"	35p to 170p
	7p to 121p	Unilever	8p to 389p
	3p to 139p	Vickers	6p to 154p
	1p to 122p	Whessoe	5p to 55p

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by $1.00 yesterday to oz.

SDR-$ was 1.2409 while SDR-£ was 0.522308.

Commodities: Cocoa again fell yesterday, but tin was higher. Reuters' index was 1.3 points down at 1,093.7.

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Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.82	1.77
Austria Sch	41.25	39.25
Belgium Fr	88.00	85.25
Canada $	2.45	2.40
Denmark Kr	13.45	13.05
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.15	9.85
Germany DM	5.80	5.60
Greece Dr	71.50	69.25
Hongkong $	11.80	11.45
Italy Lr	1550.00	1500.00
Japan Yn	715.00	690.00
Netherlands Gld	5.90	5.70
Norway Kr	12.10	11.75
Portugal Esc	58.25	56.25
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.75
Spain Pes	135.00	130.00
Sweden Kr	9.65	9.35
Switzerland Fr	6.20	6.00
US $	2.41	2.36
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	39.25

RETAIL PRICES

The following are the index numbers (January 15, 1974=100) for retail prices, not seasonally adjusted, released by the Department of Employment yesterday:

	(1) All items	(2) All items except seasonal food	(3) Annual rate of increase in (2) over 6 months earlier
1974			
Feb	101.7	101.9	16.2
March	102.6	102.8	16.5
April	106.1	106.3	20.3
May	107.6	107.7	21.7
June	108.7	108.6	22.2
July	109.7	110.0	21.0
Aug	109.8	110.3	17.0
Sept	111.0	111.5	17.7
Oct	113.2	113.7	14.4
Nov	115.2	115.6	15.1
Dec	116.9	117.4	16.9
1975			
Jan	119.9	120.5	20.0
Feb	121.9	122.5	23.3
March	124.3	124.8	25.4

Shell group loss of £122m in US nuclear project

Royal Dutch/Shell Group incurred a loss of £122m in 1974 on its nuclear joint venture with Gulf Oil Corporation. Nine months ago it was said that accelerating costs would push the losses on the venture to £96m.

General Atomic Co was set up as a 50-50 partnership with Gulf Oil in 1973. The Royal Dutch/Shell companies invested around £83m in cash and Gulf put up the assets of its seven-year-old California-based nuclear power division.

In the past year GAC has continued the process of bringing the 330-megawatt high temperature gas-cooled reactor at Fort St Vrain in Colorado into operation, but utility companies have cancelled four of the 10 HTGR orders already placed.

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CONTINUED GROWTH IN 1974

Lord Royle, Chairman, in the course of his speech at the Society's 111th Annual General Meeting in Hove highlighted the following achievements in 1974:-

- Total assets increased by £77 million from £620 million to £697 million, a growth of 12.5%.
- £203 million was paid in by investors during the year. The total number of shareholders and depositors at the year end was 372,065, an increase of 22,725.
- After withdrawals, the total amount standing to the credit of shareholders and depositors was £640 million, an increase of £53 million during the year.
- Mortgage advances during the year amounted to £68 million and the number of home loans made was 9,526.
- Liquid funds amounted to £157 million at the year end, or 22.6% of total assets, and after allowing for payments due in January 1975 the net liquidity was £116 million, or 16.7% of total assets.
- The sum of £2,329,473 was added to General Reserve. Total reserves, including a reserve for future taxation, now amount to £27,380,821, representing 3.92% of total assets.
- The Society opened new Branch Offices in 1974 at Ealing, Ipswich, Lincoln, Plymouth (Mutley Plain), Newton Abbot and Sidmouth and premises for further Branches have been acquired in a number of other towns.

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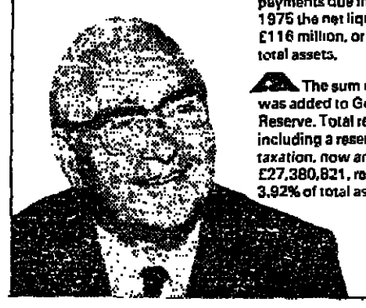

ALLIANCE BUILDING SOCIETY

Grouse

Why does the Inland Revenue in late twentieth century Britain persist in holding mid-Victorian attitudes about the role of the father? Take the case of a married couple who have elected for separate taxation, where each is taxed individually, as the husband forgoes his married man's allowance.

If there are children, which parent do you think should be entitled to the child's allowance, a tax offset varying between £155 and £205 according to the age of the child?

The Inland Revenue has no doubt at all that it is the father who in all circumstances is solely entitled to this allowance (other than in cases of divorce or separation). There is no apparent reason other than tradition for this refusal to allow a woman to claim the child allowance on her tax return if it would be more tax efficient for the family as a whole.

Everyone is entitled to arrange their tax affairs in such a way as to minimize the total tax bill. This is embodied in the principle of allowing a married couple with high incomes to be taxed as two separate people rather than one.

But having gone that far in 1973, is it not now time for the Revenue to extend the principle in respect of the child allowance?

Logic apart there are some precedents. After all, a married woman who is taxed separately can claim the dependent relative's relief if she is maintaining someone from her side of the family. And, indeed, when the idea of tax credits was all the vogue it was thought desirable for it to be women who should claim the family allowance (the weekly payments for the second child onwards and not to be confused with child allowance for tax purposes).

In a week when we are welcoming a more enlightened attitude to the great needs of most one-parent families it might seem perverse to be complaining about the tax treatment of families where both parents are high earners. On the other hand, it is equally perverse of the Revenue not to allow such families to decide for themselves which parent should claim the child allowance.

Talking shop

Stop and think before trying to beat the Budget rises

While the economists and politicians are discussing the effects of the Budget on the national scale, many householders are pondering the implications at a personal level.

Prices of a wide range of domestic purchases will be affected. Most domestic electrical appliances, radios, television sets and hi-fi equipment, boats, caravans, binoculars, cameras, furs and jewelry will all be subjected to a 25 per cent value-added tax rate, instead of the present 8 per cent. Further Customs and Excise duties will raise the prices of beer, wine, spirits and tobacco products.

The reduction in food subsidies will hit the pockets of nearly every family. There is also the £15 increase on the annual duty for private cars to be taken into consideration.

The dilemma for many lies in the gap between the Budget announcements and the introduction of the new prices. Is it better to stretch the household purse to the limit and yield to the retailers' exhortations to "buy now" or to wait until practical necessity dictates the purchase?

For goods in the so called "luxury" bracket the new VAT rate does not come into effect until May 1. Beer, wine, spirits and tobacco prices should not be raised while existing retail stocks last.

No date has been fixed for the reduction of food subsidies, but it is expected that they will start being phased out at the end of this year.

At first sight the obvious answer would appear to be to stock up now; and there is, indeed, a rush to the shops. But if "buying now" means resorting to expensive credit terms or is likely to lead to wastage or extra eating, drinking or smoking, then it is worth taking a long and considered look at what the Budget changes will actually do to prices.

The saving by paying pre-Budget prices may turn out to be illusory since it will be very easy, as stocks run low and in a panic shopping situation, to end up with a bad buy on your hands.

At today's prices it is possible, as the table shows, to buy electrical equipment at prices varying by as much as 25 per cent through "shopping around". While detailed prices are still being worked out, it looks as if the new VAT rate will add about 16 per cent to retail charges (although on some goods the increase might be more than 20 per cent).

Thus, the price advantage of buying, say, a colour television set now could be easily diluted if the shop giving the best terms in your area is out of stock and you take your custom to a more expensive trader instead. Equally, if you use credit terms where you would not normally do so, price benefits can quickly dwindle.

Even the use of credit cards, cited in this month's *Which?* as "one of the easiest and least expensive forms of borrowing", could be unwise at a maximum true interest charge of 19.5 per cent. (With the "grace" days and foreshortened credit period because of higher minimum repayments, the average true rate is working out at between 12 and 14 per cent.)

If you do decide to go ahead and buy a piece of electrical equipment now, the best places to look for a bargain are undoubtedly the discount warehouses and stores, such as Comet. The *Which?* survey considered more than 4,000 electrical appliances over a 12-month period and found that prices here averaged about 25 per cent below manufacturers' list prices.

However, as our table shows (the *Which?* survey also highlighted this point), discount stores may well not be the best source for individual items. Prices in specialist shops, such as Currys, may be equally as good, with free delivery thrown in.

It will also be worth checking with department stores. *Which?* found that although stores were on average fairly expensive the John Lewis Partnership in particular had many prices as low or lower than discount warehouses.

Co-ops were found to be very variable. Some Co-op societies charge full list price for electrical goods but others, notably Liverpool, Nottingham and Norwich, were found to charge very low prices.

There is still a lot of confusion about the effect of the new VAT rates. What happens if, for example, a customer orders and pays for goods liable for the additional VAT before May 1, but the store cannot supply it until after that date?

John Lewis's reply was unequivocal. They said that "if it looks as though we will not be able to supply the goods before the new rate comes into effect stores will not accept full prepayment. If the goods are not in the shop by May 1, the customer will have to pay the new price."

Most people are more familiar with the effects of Customs and Excise duties, which have been with us since the 17th century, than they are with value added tax. They have learnt to accept that after a Chancellor's edict off-licences and tobacconists must charge more for their products.

However, in these cost-conscious days, it is worth shopping around for these products as well as for electrical goods. There can be savings of up to 50p on a bottle of whisky and 6 per cent or more off a packet of cigarettes by dealing with selected traders.

This would go some way towards compensating for the Budget rises.

Again, detailed prices have not yet been worked out at the retail level. But the Budget changes mean that the total tax on a standard bottle of spirits (and this includes brandy, rum, gin, vodka and so on, as well as whisky) will increase by 64p a bottle.

The total tax on beer of average strength goes up by 2p a pint. Tax on wine rises by 24p a bottle.

These increases have been levied on manufacturers (unlike the VAT rises) from midnight on Tuesday, but remember that it may take some weeks for them to filter through to retailers. Tesco, for example, say that they can hold their prices at present levels until May 5 in their 800 stores.

Most brands of Scotch whisky sell at £2.79 at Tesco's, but from that date they will go up by 64p a bottle and litre bottles of table wine, now 99p will go up by 24p. Cost-conscious shoppers will find that it is worth tracking down similar offers in their local areas—or give up smoking and drinking.

While some steps can be taken to ease the Budget effect on electrical appliances, drink and tobacco, there is nothing the householder can do about the reduction in food subsidies. These are keeping the prices of milk, butter, bread, cheese, tea and flour artificially low to a value estimated at £39 a year for a family of two adults and two children.

Stockpiling tea, say, which is subsidized to the value of 8p per lb, might appear to be an answer, but the risk of spoilage is great.

Patricia Tisdall

ANALYSIS OF **DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE AT TODAY'S PRICES

Item	Recommended Price	Currys	% discount	John Lewis, Oxford St.	% discount	Comet Discount Warehouses	% discount
	£	£	%	£	%	£	%
Steam Iron							
Hoover 4004	8.65	7.99	7.6	6.50	18.6	7.25	16.2
Colour TV							
Pye 18in CT 200	240	N/A	N/A	*240	Nil	179.95	25.0
CT 218	249	189	24.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Automatic electric kettle							
Russell Hobbs K2R	13.69	10.95	20.0	10.50	23.3	11.50	16.0

* Not part of normal stock available on order.
** Items selected at random.

Insurance

Ways to top up your home loan

Gone are the days when an insurance company would provide a loan for the purchase of an average house in return for the arranging of a life policy. Now insurance companies can find better outlets for their funds than lending them at rates comparable to those charged by building societies.

Nevertheless, insurance companies have not disappeared from the scene altogether. If you want a fairly large loan, over £20,000 say, an insurance company may oblige—on its terms.

First, the rate of interest will be comparable with what it could obtain elsewhere, and so will be *appreciably more* than the rate charged by building societies for smaller loans.

Secondly, the insurance company may insist that the life policy to be taken out as collateral must be on a non-profit basis. Even in today's conditions it is generally considered that, in the long term, a with-profits policy will give better value for money.

But most offices are anxious, where possible, to increase their non-profit business—since, normally, part of the profits paid to profit-sharing policyholders come from that class of business.

Apart from that, some offices do an appreciable amount of business in "topping up" loans. Here, one is thinking of a total loan which exceeds the normal maximum provided by a building society.

The procedure is that a loan is obtained in the normal way from a building society for what may be a relatively low percentage of the total cost of the house.

With the permission of the building society, the life office also, provides a loan, as a second mortgage. This is conditional on a life policy being taken with it for its "topping up" loan and another for the basic loan provided by the building society.

In this way, the life office sells an appreciable amount of life assurance in return for providing a comparatively modest loan—at a rate of interest which, almost certainly, will be higher than that charged by the building society. The average rate of life offices is at present 13-13¼ per cent.

Normally, life offices are selective about those to whom they offer this facility. A typical status definition is "senior salaried staff in secure employment and members of certain recognized professions".

Some offices give their branches quotas of funds for this type of lending. The position may be reached, therefore, where one branch of a particular office has used up all its funds, whereas a branch in another town may still have funds available.

In practice, the bulk of this business is placed with the life offices through insurance brokers and other agents and, sometimes, an office may "ration" its funds by saying, for instance, that loans will be made available for 10 per cent of the sums assured under policies which the broker or agent has placed with the company.

One office which does not seem to ration funds quite so severely as many others is the mutual Scottish Provident Institution. Nevertheless, it is choosy about the property which it will lend and amount of its loan.

Normally, it will lend only respect of owner-occupied p vate houses which have b built since 1930 and which worth £20,000 or more.

It stipulates that the to advance, including the buildi society loan, must not exce £3,000, plus 60 per cent of t valuation (or purchase price this should be less), up £45,000. Thus, for a house wi a minimum qualifying value £20,000, the total advance cou be no more than £15,000. F a £30,000 house, the total loa could be no more than £21,0

Another rule of thumb connexion with lending is th the institution will not le more than half the amou advanced by the buildi society. In other words, at le two thirds of the total advan must be provided by t building society.

Naturally, the advance is al related to a house purchase income. Normally, the to advance must not exceed thr times earnings for anyone und the age of 45.

This point is taken serious to the extent that proof earnings will have to be pr vided; and anyone who coun as being self-employed will ha to produce audited accounts f the preceding three years.

The Scottish Provident, wi its scheme, says that the ter of its loan must not exceed th of the building society, or years, or will extend to t house purchaser's sixty-fif birthday whichever is t shorter period.

Whichever the life offic the position regarding the li assurance needs to be watche First, can with-profit policies b taken or must one or both be a non-profit basis?

Even if with-profit polici are allowed, it is unlikely th a "bonus reinforced" polic will be available. This is t type of profit-sharing poli where the sum assured can b significantly less than t amount due to be repaid at t end of the term, since it calculated that the maturit value of the policy should b sufficient to repay the loan i full provided future bonus rat are at not less than 80 per ce of the current bonus rate.

While, therefore, a with-prof policy should give the *bes* value for money in the lon term, it simply may not b possible to meet the premiun due under profit-sharing polici for the full amounts of the t loans. It may be necessary take at least one non-pro policy, so as to keep the regu outgoings within bounds.

Check whether the premiu for a given policy is the sa as if the policy had been tak without a loan. Some offic may try to "load" the p miums or impose some oth charge. The theory is that th charge would go towards me ing bad debts, but, in practi the experience of many offic has been good so far as b debts are concerned despite t drop in house prices.

At one stage some offic geared their rates of inter to those charged by build societies, charging a cert amount more than the build societies at the outset. But t building society rates hear artificially low as a result political pressure and the g ernment funds which were p vided.

Now, therefore, a life offi usually quotes its own rate. is unlikely that this will fixed for the term of the lo Usually the rate is variable much the same way as a bui ing society can alter its mo gage rate of interest.

John Drummon

The Budget

Simple but hard-hitting changes

"Simple but swingeing" is an apt commentary on this week's Budget as far as the individual is concerned. There are no new fundamental changes in personal taxation to be absorbed, merely the knowledge that from Tuesday onwards the majority of us—apart from the 400,000 low earners who will escape the tax net altogether—will be worse off.

The basic rate of income tax has been increased from 33 per cent to 35 per cent—the highest rate of taxation since 1951-53 when standard rate tax was 9s 6d in the pound. The offsetting increase in personal allowances—by £50 to £675 for the single person and by £90 to £955 for a married man—takes little cognizance of the fact that personal allowances have remained unchanged for the past three years.

Other allowances, such as those given in respect of children, dependent relatives and blind persons, have (with the exception of the child allowance) remained unchanged for longer still.

On the other hand the Chancellor has accepted that one of the areas of greatest need is that of one-parent families. Following the Finer Report he has decided to grant single-parent families, an estimated 620,000 of them, the right to the married person's allowance.

Also the first child in such households will be eligible for £1.50 of family allowances as from the next tax year onwards. Ultimately all families will be entitled to a similar benefit.

As the majority of earners in this country are subject to the PAYE regulations, the week beginning May 24, when the new tax codes are published, will be a nasty one to face. Until then everyone will be taxed on the old basis.

However, the back tax owed will be deducted in a lump sum in the May 24 week—leaving quite a hole—and thereafter the new rates will apply regularly.

Direct increases in personal taxation apart, the majority of people are likely to be most worried next about the Chancellor's proposals to tax fringe benefits, as, for instance, employer's contributions to private medical expenses schemes, such as BUPA. In fact, apart from being a sop to the opponents of private medical treatment, this is something of a red herring.

Until this tax year it was obligatory for employers to notify the Revenue of such fringe benefits as BUPA contributions for employees earning in excess of £2,000. The contributions per employee were taxable. However, from this tax year onwards P 11 d returns were asked for only in respect of employees in the £5,000 plus bracket.

All the Chancellor's new proposals do is effectively to put the clock back a year and make the benefits (ie, the contributions as opposed to the cash handouts after hospitalization) subject to tax whatever the income level of the employee.

Given the large discount, ranging from 10 per cent to 25 per cent, on group schemes as against the individual's contribution rate, few employees are likely to turn round and renounce their group medical insurance scheme. And while the cost remains tax deductible for employers, they, too, are likely to be happy to continue with present arrangements.

Margaret Stone

Krugerrands

Chancellor's good deed

Among the very few beneficiaries of Tuesday's Budget are holders of Krugerrands, who may feel inclined for once to tip their hats in the Chancellor's direction.

By his measures, which were in practical terms both the least disruptive and the most effective he could take to ease the pressure on the balance of payments, he has in all probability ensured that coins held by United Kingdom residents will not only maintain a premium over the gold price but also over identical coins held by non-residents.

It is impossible to calculate with any degree of accuracy the number of Krugerrands held by United Kingdom residents, but a figure approaching two million may be a reasonable guess. That this amount cannot be increased by legal means immediately spurred the price from Tuesday's pre-Budget close of £72 to £81.

The degree of subsequent weakening can be attributed to profit-taking by those fortunate enough to have bought in recent weeks.

The impact upon the world market will be fairly small. In recent months demand by United Kingdom investors had been slackening, with the South African Reserve Bank in March allocating only 85,000 of the 600,000 available coins to this market.

Perhaps it was only a coincidence, but bullion itself recovered well on Wednesday and some specialists are enthusiastically predicting an imminent and sharp rise of more than $30 in the price of gold.

But there is likely to be some lag between this potential gold price improvement and that of Krugerrands. There are still plenty of people around who bought all the way up to £99 in the hope of a quick profit. When these stable bulls have disappeared the traditional supply and demand equation will begin to take full effect.

If, however, a decided premium emerges between London and, say, Zurich, the nearest uncontrolled market, smuggling could develop with all its attendant problems for the guilty and innocent alike.

Another more immediate factor determining the domestic price is the dollar sterling parities, with a weak pound working to the advantage of coin holders.

Given that restrictions are thought necessary, the Chancellor should be congratulated for imposing regulations which should be workable, with no restraints upon the personal freedom of existing holders through the introduction of permits and the like. Certainly any attempt to persuade holders to exchange their coins with the Bank of England would have had a derisory response, if precedent is any guide.

Another option, that purchases would take place only through the dollar premium, would not only have given existing holders an immediate and substantial profit but would have also undoubtedly stimulated smuggling.

Andrew Wilson

Unit trust receipts

There was a slight reduction in unit trust sales in March with gross receipts of £27.1m compared with £27.8m in February and £27.7m in January.

Repurchases, however, rose more sharply at £11.2m against £9.2m the previous month and £8.1m in January. As a result net sales were the lowest for the year at £15.8m against £18.6m in February and £19.6m in January.

The most significant feature of the statistics, released yesterday by the Association of Unit Trust Managers, is the increasing sophistication of unitholders.

In the past unitholders have tended to latch on to an investment trend just as it was turning. This year, however, thanks to the growing use among professional advisers of tax efficient unit trusts, unitholders' activity is a more immediate reflection of general stock market behaviour—hence last month's higher repurchases, or profit taking.

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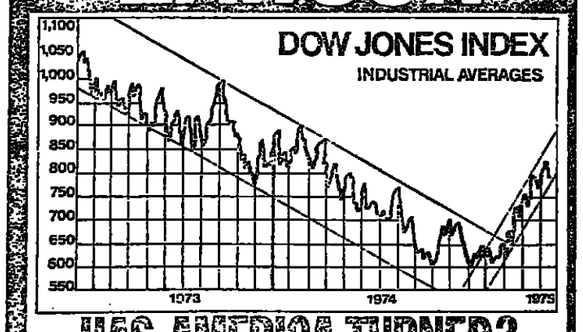

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Investment trust valuations

Total Assets less current liabilities £ million	Company	Date of Valuation	Annual Dividend	Net Asset Value after deducting prior-charges at market value
VALUATION MONTHLY				
104 5	Alliance	27.3.75	5 25	198.2
16.5	Capital & National	27.3.75	*3 1	104.0
5.9	Claverhouse	27.3.75	2 6	59 4
6 7	Crossfriars	27.3.75	2 01	56 4
5.1	Direct Spanish Telegraph	31 3.75	3.5	58 3
10.0	Dundee & London	27.3.75	1.7	51 9
57 0	Edinburgh	31.3.75	4 85	191.4
	External	27.3.75	+	+
30 4	First Scottish American	1.4.75	2.2	78 7
8 0	Grange	27.3.75	1.474	70 0
43 5	Great Northern	31 3 75	3 06	67.1
	Guardian	27.3.75	+	+
60.1	Investment Trust Corp	27.3.75	4 08	177 0
51 5	Investors' Capital	27 3 75	1.0	70 4
10 9	Jardine Japan	28.2.75	0 85	105 5
4.5	Kingside	27 3.75	1.75	47 0
+	London & Holyrood	27.3.75	+	+
+	London & Montrose	27.3.75	+	+
+	London & Provincial	27.3.75	+	+
82 0	Mercantile	27.3.75	1 61	32 5
	do Conv Deb 1983	27 3.75	£4.50	£59 30
34 2	Northern American	1.4.75	2.2	83 9
3 0	Save & Prosper Linked	1.4.75	—	63 0
33 2	Scottish Northern	5.4.75	2 375	82.2
67 5	Scottish United	31 3 75	as@1 67	as31 4
34 0	Second Alliance	27 3 75	4 2	165 9
2 4	Shires	31 3 75	5.6	83 3
27 4	Sterling	27 3 75	3.85	154 4
49.0	United British	27 3 75	5.7	211 8
	Baillie Gifford & Co.			
	Scottish Mortgage	31.3.75	+	+
60 5	Edinburgh & Dundee	31.3.75	2 7	128 1
38 4	Monks	31.3.75	1.05	45 4
10 2	Winterbottom	31 3.75	3.325	177 8
	Barings Bros. & Co. Ltd.			
	Quilvich	31.3.75	+	+
12 6	Tribune	10.3.75	6 5	702 6
	Cripps Warburg Ltd			
11 7	Save-well European	31 3 75	1 0	67 2
2 3	Atlanta Baltimore	31 3 75	0 4	w40 9
2 8	West Coast and Texas	31 3.75	0 45	w50 2
	Edinburgh Fund Managers Ltd			
47 7	American	27 3.75	*1 35	38 7
10 9	Crescent Japan	27 3.75	—	128 4
	F. & C. Group			
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3 6	City & Gracechurch	27 3 75	1.1125	29 5
	do Conv Ordy 25p	27 3 75	—	45 6
4 3	F. & C. Eurotrust	27 3 75	0 3	53 5
108 4	Foreign and Colonial	27.3.75	2 412	147 3
15.9	General Investors	27 3 75	2.0	99 3
	Gartmore Investment (Scotland) Ltd			
46 1	Scottish National	31 3 75	2 56	126 8
11.8	Glasgow Stockholders	31.3.75	2 9	136 6
	John Govett & Co Ltd			
55.8	Border & Southern	27 3 75	4 5	255 3
20 0	Debenture Corporation	27 3 75	2.2	91 4
7.6	General Stockholders	27 3.75	4.0	391 7
16 4	Govett European	27 3.75	2.5	92 0
39 3	Lake View	27 3.75	1 39	20 3
	do Conv Loan 1973/95	27.3.75	£4 09	£107.10
21.3	London & Aberdeen	27.3.75	1 4	125 9
40.8	Stockholders	27.3.75	6 5	354.8
	G.T. Management Ltd			
10 5	Berry	31.3.75	0.6125	746 5
	do Conv Loan 1993	31.3.75	£4.25	£87 00
7.4	G.T. Japan	31.3 75	@1.5	92.8
+	Northern Securities	31 3.75	+	+
	Hambros Group			
+	Hambros	27.3.75	+	+
21.6	Bishopsgate Prop & Gen	27 3.75	3.8	124.7
+	Bishopsgate	27 3.75	+	+
10.8	Hellenic & General	27.3.75	0 42	54.1
+	City of Oxford	27.3.75	+	+
4.3	Rossdhu	28 3 75	—	48.0
	Henderson Administration Ltd			
89 8	Witan	27.3.75	*1.5	85.4
13 6	Electric & General	27 3.75	1.0	77 7
4.2	Washington	27.3 75	0.85	38 9
4.1	Greenfriar	27.3.75	0 85	76.4
3 9	Mendip	27 3.75	1.0	75.8
4.1	Lowland	27 3.75	1.45	40 6
	Philip Hill (Management) Ltd			
13 0	City & International	27.3.75	2.4	87 9
6.8	General & Commercial	27 3.75	+	115 8
14.0	General Consolidated	27 3.75	2.25	68.5
+	Philip Hill	27.3.75	+	+
2.7	Moorgate	27.3.75	1 8625	58.8
+	Nineteen Twenty-Eight	27.3.75	+	+
	Ivory & Sime			
84.1	British Assets	27.3.75	1 225	57 8
20 3	Second British Assets	27 3.75	1.5	152.0
28 4	Atlantic Assets	27.3.75	0 8	xw72 3
8.3	Viking Resources	31 3.75	0.5	70 4
	Leopold Joseph & Sons Ltd			
3 3	Anglo-Welsh	1.4.75	1.37	58 7
	Conv Pref 50p	1 4 75	4 375	93 7
4 9	Leopold Joseph	27 3.75	1 4	105 5
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21.6	Throgmorton	27 3.75	3 5625	47 0
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	Martin Currie & Co. CA			
+	Canadian & Foreign	31.3.75	+	+
13 0	St Andrew	31 3 75	3.25	107 9
64 8	Scottish Eastern	31.3.75	2.9	115 7
+	Scottish Ontario	31.3 75	+	+
+	Securities of Scotland	31.3 75	+	+
1.9	Western Canada	31 3.75	9 5	448.3
	Murray Johnstone Ltd			
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44 5	Clydesdale	31 3.75	*1.5	84.0
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4 1	Glenmurray	31 3 75	*1 35	61 3
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	N. M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd			
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	Conv Loan 1994	31 3.75	£4 75	£96.80
6 6	Equity Income	31.3.75	7 035	164 1
	Schroder Wagg Group			
13 8	Ashdown	31 3.75	2 925	121 8
	Conv Loan 1988/93	31 3 75	£4 75	£86 80
19 2	Broadstone	31.3.75	2 58	128 3
	Conv Loan 1988/93	31 3 75	£4 50	£86.80
31 4	Continental & Industrial	31 3 75	3 65	168 5
13 3	Trans-Oceanic	31 3.75	3 35	140 8
	Conv Loan 1988/93	31 3.75	£4 50	£84 20
5.4	Westpool	31 3 75	1 925	79 5
	Conv Loan 1989/94	31 3.75	£5.00	£80 50
	Stewart Fund Managers Ltd			
43.4	Scottish American	31.3.75	1.75	62.1
+	Scottish European	31 3 75	+	+
	Touche Remnant & Co			
52.3	Atlas Electric	31.3.75	1 05	38 1
21.8	Bankers	31 3 75	1 7	47 1
11.5	C.L.R.P.	27 3 75	1 75	w56 6
21.8	Cedar	31 3 75	1 7	61 1
28 8	City of London Brewery	31 3 75	1 9	53 8
19.3	Continental Union	31 3 75	1 56	100 5
112 2	Industrial & General	27 3.75	1 1	45 4
124.8	International	27 3 75	1 8	w69 2
30.7	Sphere	31 3 75	1 83	98 8
33.4	Standard	27 3 75	3 9.5625	137 8
+	Trust Union	31 3 75	+	+
40.6	Trustees Corp	27.3.75	2 05	120 6
	VALUATION THREE-MONTHLY			
3.2	East & West	31 3 75	1 1	35 7
7.2	General Scottish	27 3 75	3 0	88 3
	Conv Loan	27 3 75	£5 50	£95 0
1.3	Lancashire & London	27 3 75	1 P65	32 0
18.7	London Scottish American	31 1 75	3 35	107.5
+	London Trust	31 3 75	+	+
	Conv Ln 1985/87	31 3.75	+	+
17.1	North Atlantic	31 3 75	1 0	43 0
5 6	Safeguard Industrial	31 3 75	2 7	86 5
3 6	Scottish Cities	27 3 75	7 9	112 0
14 9	United States & Gen	27 3 75	3 953	166 3
32.9	United States Debenture	31 1 75	2 3	42 6
	Conv Loan 1993	31 1 75	£5 00	£74 50
10.6	Yeoman	31 3 75	4 5625	161 5
	Conv Loan 1993	31 3 75	£4.50	£63 60
	East of Scotland Investment Managers			
30.3	Aberdeen	31 3 75	3 35	124 5
8 1	Dominion & Gen	28 2 75	2 43	47 4
18.5	Pentland	28 2.75	2 63	97 2
	Electra House Group			
119 4	Caole	31.3 75	4 2	137 7
	Conv Loan 1986/90	31 3 75	£6 25	£112 50
97 0	Globe	31 3 75	+	x91 6
	Conv Loan 1987/91	31.3.75	£5 50	£72 60
47 2	Cables	31 3 75	+	167 8
16.1	Telephone & Gen	31 3 75	6 5	x190 0
	Conv Loan 1987/91	31 3 75	£6 00	£84 20
7 6	Temple Bar	31 3 75	4 5	x114 3
	Conv Loan 1985/90	31 3 75	£5 75	£80 70
	Gartmore Investment Ltd			
4.3	Allslund Income	27 3 75	5 669	101 0
	Capital	27 3 75	0 2775	119 0
17 8	Anglo Scottish	27 3 75	*1.3475	43 7
2 0	Ashmore	27 3 75	1 15	85 3
11 6	English & Caledonian	27 3 75	1 9	76 8
16 0	English & Scottish	27 3 75	1 9	151 7
3 8	Group Investors	27 3 75	*3.2%	w43 4
3 7	London & Gartmore	27 3 75	1 775	47 3
6 5	London & Lennox	27 3 75	0 27	47 3
13 4	London & Liverpool	27 3 75	*1 5	47 6
5 4	London & Strathclyde	27 3 75	1 7	47 6
7.3	Meldrum	27 3 75	1 2	38 3
2.1	New York & Gartmore	27 3 75	1 4	39 6
	Kleinwort Benson Ltd	27 3 75	0 8	
12 6	Brimmer			76 8
20 7	Charter Trust	31 3 75	2 4285	68 3
	Lazard Bros & Co Ltd	31 3 75	1.5	
+	Emhankment			+
36.0	Peahurn	=31 3 75	+	124.0
29.6	Romney	28 2 75	3.0	83 8

*—Applies to Ordinary/A Ordinary only. as—adjusted for scrip issue as adjusted for rights issue. +—company will announce year-end or interim results shortly. =—valuation two monthly. na—not available. @—Includes special dividend.

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…D BY MARGARET STONE

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

…r's week

…o top …aley boost for shares • …me …ilders' merchants

…arket indices have risen by around …nt since Mr Healey stood up to deliver …et speech and market turnover has also … sharply.

…cal factors have certainly played a …ushing prices ahead and some of the …presented the completion of business … ahead of the Budget. But the City seems convinced that Mr Healey has done nothing to harm—and something to help—industry's prospects for 1976.

But the other side of the coin lies in the fall in long-dated gilts, which were seriously disturbed by the potentially inflationary aspect of the Budget. If gilts and sterling remain unhappy, then the rise in equities may be checked sooner than the optimists expect.

…been a good week for … banks. No sooner had …et begun to recover … problems of Brandts, … that its property port… …culties were not neces… …ared by all the other … houses, than it ran …nbling Hambros' share …id rumours about the …ssible exposure in the … market.

The rumours, which Hambros has so far done nothing to dispel, arose from the renegotiation of charter terms on four supertankers by Mr Hilmar Reksten, the Norwegian shipping magnate with whom Hambros has a close banking relationship.

The publication of Schroders' accounts therefore goes some way to redress the balance. Admittedly, total disclosed profits for 1974 were down from £2.36m to £1.52m, but the balance sheet reflects fully the bank's decision from early in the year "to follow a policy of extreme caution and prudence".

Thus, total balance sheet footings have contracted from £792m to £780m, deposits are down from £643m to £608m and loans are virtually static at £307m.

… very clearly from the …ents since the turn of …de has been the fact … health of the house… is a function of the … interest rates.

…ject of the stabilization …ust announced by the … societies has been to …ll that. Not that the …ave anything much to …out short-term, with …owing in at record …

…h their margins have …ler still further pres… …r the Budget changes …rates, the downward … short-term interest …erally and the absence …tition from the banks …ular mean that the …ave scope to cut their …enders without damp… … the flow of funds. … the increase in the … return available to … in consequence of the …anges will take some …ng out of the expected … cut in the rates.

… housebuilders are in …d time, at least until …of the year. The busi…oing to be there even though the profits will not be coming through until 1976.

The fact that some building societies are limiting the size of their advances favours companies building low-cost housing, such as Wimpey, Fairview and Barratt Developments; and the more so as the building societies are under pressure to favour new housing in their lending policies.

With first-time buyers accounting for only just over half of new house purchases this policy must eventually be relaxed or the market will seize up; and this and the possibility that interest rates will firm in the first half of next year suggest that the testing time for the societies will come in 1976. So investment in the housebuilders has to be considered on nothing longer than a 15-month view.

Within that period there is certainly large scope for earnings recovery; and the possibility that local authority building will be cut sharply back in the wake of a new Budget once the Referendum is out of the way does nothing to qualify the picture.

Local authority building is high in volume and low in profits and, although over the past year it has represented a very large proportion of some companies' turnover (Wimpey and Barratt Developments, for example), a cutback will not be serious either in profit or cash flow terms in a period of rising private house sales.

So the problem for investors contemplating an investment in the sector is whether the very great rise in the financially well-managed companies, some of whom we recommended at the beginning of February, has fully discounted the profits gains to come. A switch to stocks with less acceptable balance sheets might pay off, but on the whole this seems the moment to start looking at the building materials companies, which may have very poor results yet to come but have much further to go thereafter in share appreciation terms.

London Brick, Ibstock Johnsen and United Builders Merchants, among others, provide interesting possibilities.

FE

…imes for City gents

"... a jackpot ... on the next merger candidates among the stockbroking fraternity."

… of mine has recently …ting his two Cornish …aying aunts, and has …k full of tales of how …age to flavour almost …nt in their lives with …; element of some sort.

…ample, every Sunday … not only do they bet …n the length of the …*à la mode de* P. G. …se, but they have also … game which they call …Golf. In this, the two …ts sit side by side and … number of times they …urn the pages to get … *part of the service to*

…st hole consists merely …ng the processional …e second hole moves …e to the beginning of … Prayer, and the third …hen one leaves the …or the Psalms. The …s from the Psalm back … Deum again, the fifth … responses to the … the Day and so forth. …ey have a well laid-out … nine holes, par for …ing four shots, to … up even the most …and drawn-out services …ctogenarian vicar.

…ory reminded me that …rs at the Temple of … were also possibly in …an added diversion to … the excruciatingly … business of making …ut of the Stock Ex… …*his is the new sugges…*

… London follows the …hicago and institutes a …tion dealing market.

… moment of course, …an be bought or sold, …s the end of it and no …ate dealing is possible …ay through, one wants …n one's profits or cut …ses.

…hicago market, which … a facility, has appar…*n a big success*; and harassed stockbrokers, remembering the latter part of 1974 as a desert for business, are looking at this and similar ways of shoring up their futures. After all, it is only a matter of a few months ago that when a mouse ran across the floor of the Stock Exchange there was an almost universal cry of "Don't kill it, it might have an order".

Nevertheless, one can see that this new idea is only the thin *end of the wedge*. Once the Stock Exchange starts being the *genuine copper-bottomed bucket* shop that every good trade unionist imagines it really is, there can be no limit.

We already have a bookmaker who will take bets on whether the *FT* index is going to go up or down, but this is still no part of the official activities of the *Stock Exchange itself*.

Not for long, though. Any minute, if this thing catches hold, there will be a sweepstake on the next fringe bank to go bust, a futures currency market in which the general public can buy and sell forward everything from sterling to sharks' teeth, double-or-quits bonuses on insurance policies, and Greek roulette in which one can gamble on the probable freight rates for tankers months ahead.

The possibilities are endless. *One could have a jackpot event* on the next Lord Mayor but one, the next industrial *sector* to be nationalized, and the next merger candidates among the stockbroking fraternity. The presence of an orderly market in these and other similar fancies represents, it can be argued, an important facet of the mechanism of the City of London and, indeed, of the very functioning of the capitalist *system itself*.

Anyway, apart from anything else, in November I had a bet of £10 on a treble at 12 to 1 with a merchant banking friend—that before the end of 1975 we would have a general election and that both Mr Heath and Mr Wilson would no longer *be the leaders of their respective parties*.

The way things are going with one down and two on the blink, given a market I could probably lay half off at 6 to 4. So I'm all for some mechanism that would allow me to do it. Meanwhile, any takers?

Francis Kinsman

…trust performance

…USTS: Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and …st three years). Unitholder index 1,448.4; rise from January …4.3%.

…hange offer to bid, income included, over past 12 months: … years: −31.7%.

…supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury …ondon EC2.

	A	B
…Growth	22.4	−11.4
…Prof M	16.6	—
…lker Stat	13.7	—
…alker Cap	12.0	−16.6
…Perf	9.5	−33.2
…: Cap	8.3	−28.3
…alker Prof	8.3	—
…Capital	8.2	−25.9
… Growth	6.1	−44.2
…Opportunity	4.4	−26.5
	4.2	—
… Capital	3.4	−36.2
…ation Gr	3.0	—
… Growth	2.8	−42.6
…F	−0.8	−26.3
…Shield	−1.2	−19.5
… Recovery	−1.4	−34.5
…Growth	−1.9	−39.7
…Gren Ins	−1.9	−26.3
…apital	−3.1	—
…otfunds	−3.2	−9.8
…ecovery	−3.8	−21.3
…lers F	−4.0	−31.6
…Recovery	−4.4	−38.4
…rt Sm Cos	−4.4	—
…Recovery	−4.5	−41.8
…Prog	−5.2	−48.5
…rowth	−5.8	−47.1
…tal	−6.1	−37.2
…rowth	−6.3	−45.7
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…Gren Cap	−8.7	−30.2
…ituations	−9.4	−40.3
… Accum	−9.8	—
…Natcom		
	−9.9	−47.5
…ior Cap	−10.2	−44.7
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…Ebor Sel		
…F	−11.9	−27.2
…Capital	−12.4	−35.5
… Sm Co's	−12.5	−49.1
…n Pers Fl	−12.6	−7.7
…n Capital	−12.8	−32.8
… Conv Gr	−13.0	−28.7
… Cap F	−13.1	−46.5
…ital	−13.5	−46.6
…apital	−13.9	−40.4
…rt Equity	−14.0	−38.4
…alisman		
…	−14.0	−41.6
Target Growth	−14.9	−48.9
Jascot Compound	−15.5	−34.5
Target Claymore F	−15.9	−40.1
M & G Special	−16.7	−35.9
Target Eagle	−16.7	−41.5
Crescent Growth	−20.8	−61.0
Trident Perf	−21.8	−48.0
M & G Magnum	−24.1	−16.1
Coyne Growth	−30.5	−54.6
Portfolio Cap	−37.0	−67.3
SPECIALIST		
GT Japan & Gen	43.3	—
GT US & Gen	38.9	—
Hill Samuel Fin	31.5	−16.6
Hendersn Far East	27.0	—
Slater Walker Assts	15.3	−12.5
Henderson Euro	14.3	−23.9
Drayton Internat	13.5	−9.8
Drayton Commodity	12.4	45.6
London Wall Int	10.4	−25.5
National West Fin	9.7	−31.8
Target Investment	9.2	−37.2
Slater Walker Fin	9.1	−1.1
Hill Samuel Dol	8.7	2.9
Henderson Invest	8.7	−41.8
Jascot Preference	8.4	—
Charterhouse Fit	7.9	—
Charterhouse Euro	7.2	—
Oceanic Financial	6.6	−39.0
S & P European	6.5	16.8
S & P Japan Gr	5.6	26.0
Practical	4.6	−36.6
Target Preference	4.1	−29.4
M & G American	4.0	—
S & P Ebor Pty	3.6	−41.8
Abbey Investment	3.4	—
Target Internat	1.7	—
Hill Samuel Int	0.5	−0.7
Jascot Commodity	−0.9	−3.3
S & P ITU	−1.3	−43.0
Unicorn Financial	−1.6	−36.6
Unicorn Worldwide	−1.6	—
National Invest	−2.1	−43.7
S & P US Growth	−2.1	−31.6
Slater Brit Global	−2.2	−11.8
Secs of America	−2.3	−15.6
S & P Ebor Energy	−2.4	—
Security Select F	−2.4	—
Crescent Inter	−2.5	−26.0
Metals Minerals	−3.5	−2.1
Target Financial	−3.8	−40.1
Grantchester	−4.3	—
Natbifs	−4.7	−29.2
S & P Ebor Fin	−4.7	−47.7
Charterhouse Inter	−4.9	−52.3
S & P Ebor Univ	−5.6	−1.7
Nat Universal	−5.8	−26.8
S & P Ebor Com	−5.8	17.2
M & G Investment	−7.6	−40.7
S & P Financial	−8.7	−30.4
Oceanic Invest	−9.4	−48.3
Trident Inter	−9.4	−28.8
Henderson N Amer	−9.5	—
Financial Priority	−10.0	−44.1
Slater Brit Invest	−10.2	−46.8
Lond & Brussels	−10.3	—
Rowan Internat	−10.9	—
Slater Brit Plant	−11.1	−6.0
Oceanic Overseas	−12.0	−10.1
National Nat Res	−12.4	−8.2
Ionian Foreign M	−12.5	—
Slater Brit Com	−12.5	8.1
Allied Hambro Int	−12.8	—
New Court Int	−13.2	—
M & G Far Eastern	−13.8	—
Jascot Fin & Prop	−13.9	—
National Gas	−14.3	−35.4
Bishopsgate Int F	−14.9	−33.4
Gartmore Overseas	−14.9	—
S & P Scotbits	−15.0	−48.3
Jascot Internat	−16.1	−32.1
Hendersn Internat	−16.3	−20.1
M & G Japan	−17.9	20.2
Slater Brit Pty	−18.0	−49.6
Abacus Arbthnt Int	−18.6	—
Slater Brit Aust	−19.3	—
Slater Brit C of London	−20.1	−50.8
M & G Australsn	−20.7	—
Jascot Capital	−21.0	−56.9
JL Int Consumer	−21.1	−26.7
Schroder Europe M	−21.5	−8.7
M & G European	−22.0	—
Slater Brit Gold	−22.4	37.2
Slater Brit New Issue	−24.1	−58.4
Lawson American	−25.0	−30.2
Henderson Aust	−25.4	—
Henderson Fin	−29.1	−38.5
Jascot North Sea	−29.2	—
Stewart American	−30.6	—
Unicorn Aust	−31.6	−9.6
Hendersn Nat Res	−32.5	−36.3
Gt Winch O'seas M	−44.0	—
Eridge Talis Inter	−45.7	—
Jascot Aust	−52.3	—

A: Change over one year offer to bid, net income reinvested
B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested
Both taken to April 17, 1975
M: Trust valued monthly
F: Trust valued every two weeks

Bentalls, Waring & Gillow surmount difficult going

By Ashley Druker

With the benefits of the spate of pre-Budget buying still to come two leading retail groups in associated sectors, Bentalls, the Kingston-upon-Thames department store, and Waring & Gillow (Holdings), appear in good shape—the former reporting on the year to January 31, and the latter its opening half to September 30 (and embracing a difficult trading period). Both share prices improved on the news—Bentalls up 3p to 25p and Waring & Gillow 10p to 52p.

Down at half-time from £463,000 to £379,000 pre-tax (and taking in part of the rough going reported on by Waring), Bentalls' aim after the interim setback was to strive for increased sales sufficient to provide a greater income even at the lower margins operating, and at the same controlling running expenses.

This has proved successful with a sales rise of 9.05 per cent to £25.94m (7.7 per cent ahead at midway) on which taxable profits advanced 25.64 per cent to £1.71m, and attributed to additional gross profit on the increased sales and close vigilance over all operating expenses. The "net" rose from £660,000 to £791,000, and the "attributable", after adding an extraordinary item (profit on sale of land and buildings of £54,000), climbed from £660,000 to £845,000. Earnings a share in turn increased from 1.59p to 1.91p and the total payment lifted from 1.19p to 1.3p.

Losing ground in the preceding full year, Waring, down 19 per cent pre-tax, pulled slightly ahead in the six months to September 30, but pertinently indicate that second-half results should show a substantial increase over the same period (some £964,000). Turnover for the period, up from £10.3m to £11.97m, enabled it to withstand the high level of cost inflation with an accompanying profits rise pre-tax from £853,000 to £872,000. The interim payment goes up from 0.92p to 1.42p.

Wilmot Breeden looks for early profit recovery

By Margaret Drummond

A return to previous levels of profitability by 1976 is anticipated for Wilmot Breeden, the motor components group, according to Mr D. Breeden, the chairman, in his annual statement to shareholders released yesterday. Total pre-tax profits crashed from £4.2m to £1.4m last year as the energy crisis led to a worldwide recession in the motor industry.

The profits breakdown shown in the accounts demonstrates the extent to which the group is dependent on this area. The car division made a contribution of £1.9m (as against £4.1m), and accounted for some £45.6m of £58.5m group sales. But the group state that it has achieved considerable economies, involving a closure of a major factory and hefty redundancies which have cost it some £600,000 in special below-the-line provisions.

With sales falling further in the current year, however, these measures will not permit more than a breakeven result. The balance sheet shows loans up from £4.3m to £6.7m and overdrafts £2.4m higher at £4.1m.

G T Whyte's debts at £55m

London bankers G. T. Whyte & Co. have a total deficiency of some £43.16m, creditors were *told yesterday. The Official* Receiver, Mr Norman Saddler, *said the debts exceeded £55m.* Unsecured creditors—owed nearly £28m—were unlikely to get anything. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triumph Investment, also in liquidation.

Assets had been estimated to realize about £16.58m. Further assets were charged to secured creditors whose claim of £3.5m were expected to be met in full.

The company's debts comprised preferential creditors, *including the Inland Revenue,* for £72,000, a debenture holder (*Lloyds Bank*) £21.65m, and unsecured creditors £27.99m.

Indications were that the debenture was valid. Lloyds would have a shortfall on its claim of more than £11m. On that basis, the unsecured creditors had lost all their money.

Mr Martin Spencer, chartered accountant, was nominated liquidator.

Croda's share alternative for Mid-Yorks

Croda International—as foreshadowed—*is supplementing* its 360p a share cash bid for Midland-Yorkshire Holdings with a share alternative. This offers M-Y holders seven Croda ordinary for each M-Y and, with Croda closing at 63p last night, values M-Y shares at 441p each. In addition M-Y shareholders will be *entitled* to retain the further dividend of 21p a share *recently forecast for the current year.*

Croda, which holds 38.2 per cent of M-Y, states that if the bid goes through, Midland will form a new division within Croda.

Stock and metal losses jolt Evered

The cost of rectifying the *uncovered metal position* which arose at the start of the year proving much greater than expected, Evered & Co slid into the red in 1974 in spite of sales improving from £8.35m to £10.36m. At the pre-tax level the loss amounted to £470,000 against a profit of £391,000 and, after tax, £263,000 against a profit of £232,000. There is no final dividend, and the total payment, a single interim, is 1.04p compared with 2.1p.

The board explains that the *sales rise came chiefly* from higher metal prices, while *trading results have been struck* after deducting stock losses and provisions of some £324,000, and metal losses of £386,000. The former arose from the reshaping of the product range in the industrial division.

Another factor was the "speed and severity" of the decline of copper and zinc prices in the second-half. Despite hedging, it could not avoid additional metal losses.

Brokers' views

The summary of Budget opinions incorporated in this week's batch of investment circulars suggests that the stock market was well night unanimous in regarding the Chancellor's measures as favourable to industry — although the extent of Thursday's upsurge *in equities seems to have caught* everyone by surprise.

"Brave and realistic" are the adjectives chosen by Hoare Govett to describe Mr Healey's measures. By placing the corporate sector at the top of his list of priorities, Hoare says, and by implementing measures that will help the economy to expand in 1976, the Chancellor has acted to remove a cloud overhanging the market and the promise of rates of return on equities.

Simon & Coates takes a more cautious view on equities, pointing out that the problems of recession and inflation remain unanswered. But Simon also sounds sounds a warning note for the gilt-edged market, *commenting* that public sector borrowing is still too high.

But the view that the Budget should be accompanied at some stage by some form of wages policy is also current in the City. Phillips & Drew is of this opinion, and adds that the Budget has done little to alter the unstable underlying conditions of the economy.

Issues & Loans

Aurora plans a 1 for 3 rights

With the aim of providing new premises and equipment, the Aurora Holdings group is making a rights issue of 7.12 million shares at 10p each on a one-for-three basis on the *ordinary, and 641 for every* 500 8 per cent convertible *preference shares. This should* raise about £667,000.

The issue will be made to holders registered on April 9. The new shares will not, however, rank for the 0.17p interim dividend already declared by this general and precision engineering group.

Meanwhile, the board is forecasting a pre-tax profit for the year to June 30 of not less than the £1.26m achieved in the previous term.

Philips debenture

An 8¾ per cent debenture loan amounting to 500m Luxembourg francs is to be issued by Philips International Finance, a subsidiary of Philips Lamps. The issue price is 100 per cent. and the life of the issue is 10 years maximum.

BROWN BOVERI

Company is to raise its capital by DM12m to DM132m by issuing one new share for every ten held.

PETROLEOS MEXICANOS

Company has reduced amount of its seven-year Eurobond (priced at 98 per cent) from $25m to $20m to ensure success of issue in secondary market.

UNILEVER SUCCESS

Loan issue of DM100m at 8½ per cent fully subscribed. Issue *price has been fixed at par.*

POCLAIN

Group plans to launch an issue *of loan stock in near future* but gives no details. Net profit for 1974, 11.89m francs (25.1m).

YEN LOAN FOR NZ

New Zealand Government is negotiating with Japanese finance ministry to raise a Yen loan in the Japanese capital market.—Reuter.

MALAYSIA SEEKS LOAN

Malaysian Government is seeking a $75m, *five-year, syndicated* loan. Terms are likely to be 1½ per *cent, over the six months London* interbank offered rate for US dollars.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1987	103	105
Airlease 8¾ 1988	84	87
Ashland 8 1987	84¼	86¼
BICC 7¾ 1987	67	70
Bristol 8¾ 1979	91¼	92¼
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	85	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	85¼	85¾
Carrier 8 1987	88	89
Chevron 7 1980	[illegible]	98
Conoco 7 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conoco 8 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn Food 7¾ 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coventry 8¾ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coventry 8¾ 1980	90	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1983	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101½	[illegible]
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana 8 1987	88	89
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark Mtgo Bank 7½ 1991	[illegible]	80½
Dundee 9¾ 1983	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom 9¾ 1989	88½	90½
Escom Floating Rate 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Chicago 7 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	78	82
GATX 8¾ 1987	86¼	87½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	75	[illegible]
Hambros 7¾ 1987	76	[illegible]
ICI 7¾ 1992	75	78
International Util 6¾ 1980	94	95
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	74	77
Manchester 8¾ 1981	87	[illegible]
Mexico 8¾ 1991	83	[illegible]
Michelin 7¾ 1988	81	[illegible]
Mitsubishi 9 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola 8 1987	90	91
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	[illegible]
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	80	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	101¼	[illegible]
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental 7¾ 1983	[illegible]	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100¾	[illegible]
Pennwalt 8 1987	88	[illegible]
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	88	[illegible]
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer 8¾ 1977	100	101
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Slough 8 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Africa 8 1987	81	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	[illegible]	100
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sybron 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	81½	[illegible]
Textron 7¾ 1987	81½	[illegible]
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	89	90
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	88¼	89¼
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Volvo 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	81	85
DM BONDS		
APLL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1980/85	79¼	80¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	[illegible]	101¼
Escom (DM) 7 1975/88	73¼	74½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	86	87
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91¼	[illegible]
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1981	103½	[illegible]
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87	88
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104¼	105¼
Swedairica (DM) 6¾ 1970/85	89½	90½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	88	89½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	[illegible]	65
Amr Express 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	80
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	[illegible]	96
Borden 5 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 6¾ 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	68	70
Carnation 4 1987	85	[illegible]
Chemical 5 1993	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cummins 6¾ 1986	[illegible]	84
Dart 4¾ 1987	77	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton 5 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 5 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould 5 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Electric 4¾ 1987	81	[illegible]
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harris 5 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT 4¾ 1987	63	[illegible]
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	112	119
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	121	125
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	81	[illegible]
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	83	[illegible]
Revlon 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sante Fe 4¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb 4¾ 1987	97	[illegible]
Texaco 4¾ 1988	69	[illegible]
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	103	[illegible]
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp 5 1988	72	[illegible]

DM = Deutschmark issue
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Stock markets

Gains in equities held

The two-week trading account, which has been dominated by the Budget, closed on an optimistic note yesterday, with profit taking failing to shake the gains of the past three sessions. A substantial cash-raising move by Rank Organisation was absorbed by the market, and share prices were moving higher again at mid-morning. Later gains were reduced by the profit takers who decided that the cut in Minimum Lending Rate had been discounted. At the close, market indices were easier on the day but the undertone remained firm.

The *FT* index closed 0.9 off at 339.0 (after 346.5), thus showing a net gain of 43.3 points over the fortnight. A more significant guide to yesterday's market came from a recorded bargains total of 11,182. This indicates a return to the bull market conditions of January, a mood confirmed by a money total of £150m in equities on Thursday.

Renewed speculative interest in Furness Withy, a long-standing bid favourite, took the shares up 3p to 186p.

The only point of uncertainty for the stock market remains the fear of renewed inflationary pressures, with implications for sterling. The City was none too pleased to learn of another round of rail fare rises.

Shares in Rank Org plunged on the news of a £27m offer *for sale. At 170p, the "A"* shares were finally 35p off, *with the ordinary a similar* amount down at 160p.

Profit taking in the shares of the major exporters which have led the market forward, was usually absorbed without too much trouble. ICI closed 4p off at 242p, after 247p, Beecham 1p off at 246p after 248p and Bats 5p easier at 333p, after 344p. But Courtaulds, *whose results are due soon,* were dull throughout, ending *the day 7p off at 121p.*

Heavy engineers, also prominent in last week's rise gave up part of their gains. Comment on the results brought Vickers down 8p to 154p.

But reports that nationalization proposals may be postponed brought buyers in for Hawker Siddeley, lifting the shares 6p to 330p. Another firmer spot was Imperial Group (61½p) on the completion, reported here yesterday, *of a large sale of the shares.*

Shortage of stock was again a feature among *the food and* consumer issues. Hoover rebounded 20p to 265p, and other good features included Booker McConnell, Rowntree Mackintosh and S. W. Berisford.

Financial issues were unable to hold their initial gains. Barclays Bank (*270p*) *and Lloyds* (210p) ended unchanged on the day. Hambros were steadier after the fall of the past week. Selective buying of property shares featured MEPC again.

BP (*400p*) retained most of this week's substantial rise but *Burmah Oil slipped to the low of 32p as the market absorbed the results. Gold shares opened* strongly but slackened at the close when United States sellers appeared. Platinum shares improved, boosted by a rise in London prices.

Shipbuilding shares were active after press reports that nationalization proposals may be postponed. Swan Hunter closed 3p easier at 84p.

Equity turnover on April 17 was £152.5m (30,874 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Rank "A", Lonrho, Courtaulds, Marks & Spencer, Shell, Unilever, Beechams, Tubes new, and Bats.

Gilts again had a busy day, but activity was more subdued *than on Wednesday and Thursday.* "Mediums" again outshone *the rest of the market* and showed good rises on the day. The cut *in Minimum* Lending Rate did not have much effect.

"Shorts" opened firm and made ground during the morning. But they then tended to slip back in the afternoon. Most stocks were unchanged but there was some switching and there were occasional small price adjustments.

"Longs" opened ¼ point higher and also advanced to stand up to ¾ point higher at one point. But this could not be sustained and eventually losses on the day of ¼ or ½ point were common. "Mediums" were generally ¼ point up on the day.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Albany Inv (20p) Fin	0.81	0.75	18/6	1.32	1.2
Armitage Bros (£1) Fin	18.0	16.5	—	18.0	16.5
Benford Concrete (10p) Fin	2.25	2.0	23/5	3.10	2.75
Bentalls (10p) Fin	1.3	1.19	16/5	1.3	1.19
Clarke, Nickolls (25p) Fin	1.11	0.99	21/7	2.22	1.98
Evered Hldgs (25) Fin	nil	1.1	—	1.04	2.1
Arthur Henriques (10p) Fin	3.81	1.7	—	5.0	2.75
Chas Hurst (25p) Fin	3.68	3.61	26/6	7.29	6.91
Lowland Inv (25p) Int	0.75	0.75	30/5	—	2.16
T. Marshall (Lxly) (25p) Fin	1.12	1.12	31/5	2.79	1.83
Moorhouse & Brk (20p) Fin	4.42	3.95	19/6	5.42	4.95
Scott's Restaurant (12½p)	2.13	1.96	—	2.13	1.96
Silhouette (Lon) (20p) Fin	3.38	3.5	—	4.38	5.5
Waring & Gillow (25p) Int	1.42	0.92	28/5	—	4.44

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock clearances help Silhouette liquidity but leave profits slimmer

With an eye to liquidity Silhouette (London), makers of ladies' foundation garments, cleared stocks from two of its companies at very low margins last year. This had the desired effect on liquidity but brought a loss of £66,000 over the second half.

The result was that profits overall fell back by 45 per cent to £276,000 pre-tax even though turnover rose from £8.3m to a record £9.1m. Additional factors were rising costs and interest charges and the total dividend is cut from 5.5p to 4.38p.

The current year has started "reasonably well" and the group is trading profitably, but this year will be of consolidation rather than expansion, say the company. Both ordinary and "A" shares were off a couple of points on the result.

Exports highlight Thos Marshall

Disregarding an extraordinary credit for 1973 profits of Thomas Marshall (Loxley), makers of fireclay refractories, jumped from £302,000 to £598,000 pre-tax last year, a record return.

The company says that if a single reason has to be found for 1974 being such a successful year it is the high level of exports, which now exceed 50 per cent of turnover. This has continued into 1975. But the company says that the year was one of unprecedented rises in the costs of raw material and labour and that of the £294,000 profit left after tax over £200,000 has been used to maintain stocks at the level required to provide a satisfactory service to customers. Earnings rose from 2.64p to 5.16p a share and the total dividend goes up from 1.25p to 1.87p net.

Haighton & Dewhurst

With interim turnover slipping only from £4.06m to £3.9m, taxable profits of the Haighton & Dewhurst textile group collapsed from £303,000 to £13,000. The annual meeting heard last June that the first half of the current year would show a drop in profits because of increased costs, restrictions on profit margins and difficult trading.

Since January, sales have been higher and prices steadier, so subject to unforeseen circumstances, the second half should be better.

Winn Inds best-ever

Turning in its best performance for nine years, Winn Industries reports record pre-tax profits for 1974, up from £606,000 to £805,000, on turnover increased from £13.56m to £15.61m. Earnings per share rose from 3.1p to 3.6p. The directors declare a total payment of 3.2p compared with 3p.

Rolinco drops Slater

Rolinco, one of the giant Dutch investment trusts, was more sanguine about the prospects of a recovery in world stock markets and was thus fully invested by the autumn of 1974. As a result its shares appreciated 30 per cent between then and the end of February.

British companies still pay a minor part—some 3.8 per cent —of the 2,196m florin portfolio. During the period under review the management disposed of its holdings in Cavenham, Slater Walker and Trafalgar House. No new purchases were made, but it strengthened its stake in Beecham, Glaxo and Sun Alliance.

Raglan disposals

While it waits for interest rates to come down and for more of its developments to contribute to cash flow, Raglan Property Trust is negotiating the sale of some of its properties. The group suffered a loss of £246,500 for the first half of 1974-75, against a profit of £422,000 on turnover of £1.4m (£1.69m). Earnings a share of 0.46p have been turned into a loss of 0.47p, and there is no interim dividend, against 0.35p gross.

A second-half loss of £338,000 (against a profit of £471,000) cut profits from £392,000 to £84,000 last year and prompted the board to reduce the development programme by half.

Cheer from Henriques

A close company, Arthur Henriques, the Manchester-based clothing makers, have turned in profits for 1974 showing a 32 per cent rise, a raised dividend and a one-for-one scrip issue. All of which pleased the market, where the group's shares rose 12p to 60p. Sales and profits boosted by acquisitions were at peak levels, the former rising by 48 per cent from £1.54m to £2.18m and the latter from £228,000 to £311,000. The dividend is being hoisted from 2.75p to 5p.

Bernard Wardle gloom

The opening quarter of the current year for Bernard Wardle & Co has been only slightly over break-even, Mr D. A. Boothman, chairman, told the annual meeting. Half-time results were thus likely to show only a small profit. While projections for the second leg indicate an improvement, full-time results were bound to be sharply down on the preceding period. In the meantime the board is concentrating on developing fresh markets, but competition is severe and margins consequently under pressure.

MELVILLE DUNDAS & WHITSON

Group turnover £18.73m (£13.9m). Pre-tax profit £877,000 (£681,000). Proposed final dividend 2.91p (2.63p) making 4.57p (4.19p).

SLIMMA

Turnover up £1.2m to £5.5m. Pre-tax profits for six months to December 31, 1974, £455,000 (£360,000). Interim dividend 0.83p (same). Pay May 27, 1975.

GILLETTE

March quarter net profit declined to $21m ($23.7m); Sales, $318m ($285m).

GHP GROUP

Profits up from £766,000 to record £934,000 in 1974; turnover from £10.17m to £12.8m; total dividend from 9.09p to 10.22p; board say present outlook suggests modest improvement in 1975.

MORRIS & BLAKEY

From turnover up from £4.96m to £5.5m taxable profits fell from £370,000 to £309,000; earnings per share 4.55p (6.89p); total dividend 5.74p (5.63p).

WALKER & HOMER

In half year to January 31 taxable profit £253,000 (£170,000); interim held at 0.52p; chairman says profits for year should exceed last year in which event board would revert to dividend level of 1972-73.

RADIO RENTALS

Group turnover for half year to September 30, £48.4m (£43.6m); pre-tax profit, £11.1m (£10.7m); profit after tax £4.2m (£5m).

Discount market

Conditions became very patchy yesterday in Lombard Street, with some houses quite comfortably placed, while others were short. However, houses were finally able to rule off the books at the end of a rather awkward week without assistance from the Bank of England.

Conditions were still reasonably tight at the close, final balances usually taken between 8½ and 9 per cent.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank ..	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12 %
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7¼%, up to £25,000 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	44	+1	3.0	6.8	4.9
121	90	Henry Sykes	121	+2	4.9	4.1	7.7
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	58	−2	12.0	20.7	—

Commodities

Cocoa falls by further £22.50

After Thursday's falls of up to £33.50 a tonne, COCOA futures fell further yesterday afternoon, despite scale-down resistance from jobber and weekend shortcovering. Final levels were at or just above the "lows". The tone was easy.

Nearby May finished at discount to adjacent July by some £8.50 per tonne. On-balance losses ranged from £22.50 (Nearby May) to £6.00 per tonne.

COCOA.—May, £520.5-21.0 a metric ton; July, £528.5-29.5; Sept, £524.0-25.0; New Dec, £540.5-41.0; March, £539.0-40.0; May, £537.0-38.0; July, £536.0-37.0. Sales: 6,459 lots, including nine options. ICO prices: daily, 54.98c; 15-day average, 59.64c; 22-day, 60.45c (US cents a lb).

COPPER.—Cash wire bars and three months finished higher by £5.00 and £5.50 respectively yesterday. Cash cathodes were up by £6.25 and three months by £4.75.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £562.50-63.00 a metric ton; three months, £579.50-80.00. Sales, 8,250 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £552-55.00; three months, £569.50-70.00. Sales, 1,650 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £561.50-62.50; three months, £579.50-80.50. Settlement, £562.50. Sales, 4,650 tons. Cash cathodes, £551-53.00; three months, £569-70.00. Settlement, £553.00. Sales, 350 tons.

SILVER was steady yesterday.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 182.05p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 432.8); three months, 186.05p (437.6c); six months, 191.30p (444.3c); one-year, 203.30p (450.0c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 183.8-85.3p; three months, 188.1-88.3p; seven months, 194.0-95.0p. Sales, 51 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 182.8-83.5p; three months, 186.2-86.4p; seven months, 192-93.0p. Settlement, 183.5p. Sales, 75 lots.

TIN prices were fully steady on the LME yesterday afternoon following release of the details of the International Tin Council's export controls. Standard metal (cash) closed £38.50 higher, while three months was £45.00 dearer.

High-grade (cash) was up by £32.50 and three months by £42.50.

Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,010-12 a metric ton; three months, £3,036-38. Sales, 265 tons. High grade, cash, £3,010-12; three months, £3,036-40. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,005-3,007; three months, £3,030-31. Settlement, £3,007. Sales, 650 tons. High grade, cash, £3,005-07; three months, £3,030-35. Settlement, £3,007. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM958 a picul.

LEAD was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £198-98.50 a metric ton; three months, £194.75-95.00. Sales, 400 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £197.75-98.00; three months, £194.75-95.00. Settlement, £198.00. Sales, 1,150 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £330.50-331.00 a metric ton; three months, £328.00-328.50. Sales, 825 tons. Morning.—Cash, £339.75-30.00; three months, £327.25-27.50. Settlement, £330.00. Sales, 1,250 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by £1.25 yesterday to £61-£63 ($145-$150) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April-May, £244.00; "D" grade, April-May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April/May, Rs455.00; Dundee Daisee, April/May, Rs595.00 per bale of 400 lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 158.0-60.0p per kilo; July, 160.0-62.0p; Oct, 166.0-67.0p; Dec, 168.0-70.0p; March, 172.0-74.5p; May, 173.0-75.0p; July, 176.0-79.0p; Oct, 179.0-81.0p. Sales: seven lots.

RUBBER.—Lack of agreement on a natural rubber producers' buffer stock brought a swift downward reaction yesterday, particularly on terminal. The original buffer stock estimate of 350,000 tonnes has now been cancelled, according to the Malaysian Primary Industries Minister, without any alternative estimate being put forward.

The terminal market was featured by modest hedging of paper positions allied to dealer-selling and the occasional stop-order.

Consumer offtake of physicals remained dull and strictly related to hand-to-mouth requirements, dealers said. Major consumers appeared to be out of the market at present. The terminal closed uncertain, having recovered slightly from the "lows" in late session. But on-balance losses still ranged from 0.50p to 1.00p per kilo. Turnover totalled 171 lots of 15 tonnes each, including six kerbs.

Cif's finished quiet. Spot was 0.50p per kilo lower on balance, while nearby top sheets were 0.85p lower to unchanged.

RUBBER closed uncertain.—May, 26.60-27.20p per kilo; June, 26.85-27.00p; July/Sept, 27.55-27.75p; Oct/Dec, 28.65-28.70p; Jan/March, 29.90-29.95p; April/June, 30.70-30.85p; July/Sept, 31.55-31.40p; Oct/Dec, 31.70-31.85p; Jan/March, 32.40-32.55p. Sales: 171 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot: 25.50-27.00; Cifs: May, 24.75-25.25p; June, 25.15-25.75p.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS closed £3.00 lower to unchanged yesterday.—May, £412.5-3.0 a metric ton; July, £408.5-9.5; Sept, £405.5-6.0; Nov, £406.0-7.0; Jan, £407.0-9.0; March, £409.0-10.0; May, £411.0-12.5. Sales: 664 lots, including eight options.

ARABICAS were dull yesterday.—April, $50.00-52.80 per 50 kilos; June, $54.80-54.90; Aug, $56.90-57.00; Oct, $57.50-57.40; Dec, $57.70-58.00; Feb, $57.90-58.50; April, $58.20-59.70. Sales: 26 lots.

SUGAR futures moved higher after lunch yesterday on some shortcovering, but gains were later pared by persistent trade-selling interest. Towards the close, prices moved irregularly in book-squaring and finished £6.25 to £1.00 higher on balance. Sales totalled 1,792 lots.

The London daily price was reduced by £5.00 yesterday to £250 a long ton.—May, £267.0-68.00 a long ton; Aug, £231.25-41.50; Oct, £224.40-24.60; Dec, £223.50-13.00; March, £203.75-4.00; May, £195.00-98.00; Aug, £191.00-98.00. Sales: 1,792 lots. ISA prices, 24.84c; 17-day average, 24.38c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was barely steady yesterday.—Aug, £70.30-70.50 per metric ton; Oct, £71.70-71.80; Dec, £73.00-73.10; Feb, £74.70-74.90; April, £76.10-76.50; June, £76.90-77.30; Aug, £77.50-78.20. Sales, 54 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2 14 per cent, May, £83.50; June, £83.75; July, £81.35 trans-shipment east coast. May, £80.85 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, April, £51.25; May, £52.00; June, £53.25 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed, April, £48.75; May, £49.25; June, £50.25 trans-shipment east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY barely steady.—May, £53.00; Sept, £52.55; Nov, £54.55; Jan, £56.70; March, £58.75. WHEAT barely steady.—May, £49.20; Sept, £54.50; Nov, £56.80; Jan, £59.00; March, £61.15. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling WHEAT.—Lincoln, £49.90. Feeding BARLEY.—Aberdeen, £47.45; Gloucester, £49.71; Lincoln, £49.55.

BAXTER, FELL

After consultation with Treasury over interpretation of tax changes in Budget board say it has regrettably been found necessary to reduce proposed final dividend for 1974 from 4.22p to 4.1p.

CROYDEX RUBBER

For 1974 taxable profits £516,000 (£429,000); turnover £3.9m (£3.3m); earnings per share 10.7p (10.4p); total dividend 3.77p (3.35p).

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 3% Ln (£99¼p)	£28¼
GLC 12¼% 1982(£97½)	£9⅛
Helical Bar 10p Cnv Pref	32
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£99)	£32
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980	£15¼+3
Southend 12% 1980	£46
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf	£10⅞
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980	£10¾+1
Warwickshire 12½% 1980 (£99)	£11¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc	
Barratt Devs (80)	May 23	10+3
Bestobell (88)	May 9	136
Brixton (85)	May 16	142
Cons Gold Fields (185)	May 16	251+14
Dyson Int (10p)		5½ prem
RMC (80)	May 2	130-3
Fothergill and H. (51)		21 prem+2
General Mining (RT)	May 2	50 prem+35
Guardian Royal (130)	May 2	195-2
Macpherson D (25)	May 16	34
Midland Bank (175)	May 2	230-2
Rolls-Royce Motors (36)	May 27	20½ prem+1
RTZ (125)	May 2	172+5
Sketchley Ord (38)	May 16	60+4
Streeter (90)	May 22	121+10
Tube Inv (190)	May 9	58-2
Unigate (30)	May 9	48

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling strengthened on foreign exchanges yesterday despite a cut in the minimum lending rate and news that the retail price index has risen by a record 21.2 per cent in the past twelve months.

Dealers said that both these events had already been accounted for in advance by the exchange rates and although the pound fell sharply on the MLR cut, it bounced back just as fast. At first this was thought to be due to intervention by the Bank of England, but on further reflection dealers said support, if any, had been minimal.

In terms of the dollar, the pound closed 45 points better at $2.3750, as against an overnight of $2.3705 and a post MLR drop to $2.3715. Its effective depreciation rate narrowed to 21.7 per cent from 22.0 per cent.

Gold closed at $169½, up $1 on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 18	Market rates (close) April 18
New York	$2.3660-3760	$2.3745-3755
Montreal	$2.4070-4180	$2.4135-4145
Amsterdam	5.64¼-70¼fl	[illegible]
Brussels	83.40-90f	83.55-65f
Copenhagen	13.14-23k	13.19-17k
Frankfurt	5.64-67m	5.65¼-66¼m
Lisbon	58.30-80e	58.60-80e
Madrid	133.50-134.00p	133.80-134.00p
Milan	1502-08lr	1504-06lr
Oslo	11.88-89¾k	11.88¾-89¾k
Paris	9.94-98f	9.97¼-98¼f
Stockholm	9.42-48k	9.45-46k
Tokyo	688-95y	692-94y
Vienna	39.80-40.20sch	39.95-40.15sch
Zurich	6.07-11f	6.09¼-10¼f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, down 0.3 per cent to 21.7 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.60-.75c prem	2.30-2.70c prem
Montreal	.55-.75c prem	2.00-2.80c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	8¼-7¼c prem
Brussels	25-15c prem	70-60c prem
Copenhagen	2ore prem-1ore disc	8-5ore prem
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	50c prem-30c disc	130c prem-40c disc
Milan	1-4lr disc	3½-6½lr disc
Oslo	1ore prem-3ore disc	2ore prem-1ore disc
Paris	1-2½c disc	3-1c prem
Stockholm	1ore prem-1ore disc	3-1ore prem
Vienna	30gro prem-par	65-35gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	10-9c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9880-86.

Eurodollar deposits (%): calls, 5¼-5¾; seven days, 5¾-5¾; one month, 5¾-5¾; three months, 6⅝-7⅛; six months, 7¼-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $169.40 (an ounce); pm, $170.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): $184-189 (£77½-79½) (domestic); $174-178 (£73¾-75¼) (international).

Sovereigns (old): $52-53½ (£21¾-22½) (new), $55-58 (£23-23½) (international).

Quicksilver association formed

Geneva, April 17.—Companies from six countries responsible for about three quarters to four fifths of world exports of quicksilver have joined an international association of producers of the metal officially formed here, delegation sources said.

Countries represented are Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Peru and Algeria, the sources said.

Although the association is a non-governmental body, all the participating companies are wholly state-owned except for two Turkish companies.

Wall Street

New York, April 18.—Stock prices on the New York stock exchange fell steadily in today's session, closing sharply lower with interest rates again rising.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 11.03 points to 808.43. Declining issues led gainers moderately throughout the session.

Volume totalled 22,640,000 shares, compared with 32,650,000 yesterday, the third most active session on record.

Analysts said profit-taking played a big part in the selling. They noted gains in the stock market dating back to early December.

However, they said selling was encouraged by a continuing rise in short-term money market interest rates and in bond market yields.

Brokers also reported disappointment that First National City Bank did not cut its prime rate as some analysts had expected from the 7½ per cent level.

The American stock exchange market value index closed down 0.39 to 83.41 with the average price per share down four cents. Declines outnumbered advances 327 to 315 with 301 issues unchanged.

Friday's volume fell to 2,589,000 shares from 3,502,000 yesterday. Active issue was Midland Glass Company which was unchanged at 5½ on volume of 125,200 shares. Also active were Kaiser Industries closing at 8¼, up ⅛, Syntex 42¾, down ⅜ and Sambos restaurants 27, up ⅛.

NY silver down 5c

New York, April 18: COMEX SILVER closed about a cent or so off the lows, 5.70 to 5.30 cents down. Volume fell off to 8,451 contracts. Traders said the market seemed inclined to mark time today, following the recent run-up. Prices moved within an 8-cent range, being two to three cents up at the best. April, 433.40c; May, 434.40c; June, 437.40c; July, 440.50c; Sept, 446.50c; Dec, 456.30c; Jan, 458.00c; March, 463.70c; May, 469.40c; July, 476.10c. Handy and Harman, $435.50 (previous $435). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$4.428 (previous Can$4.504).

GOLD: Futures closed from 20 cents to $1.55 lower in active trading in New York and Chicago. On the IMM declines ranged from $1.20 to $1.55. NY COMEX: April, $167.90; May, $168.20; June, $169.00; Aug, $171.00; Oct, $173.20; Dec, $175.40; Feb, $177.60; April, $179.80; June, $182.00; Aug, $184.20. CHICAGO IMM: June, $168.40-168.20; Sept, $171.40-171.50; Dec, $174.80; March, $178.50 asked; June, $181.80; Sept, $186.00 asked.

COPPER. Futures closed steady up 10 points on 978 lots. April, 58.40c; May, 58.50c; June, 59.00c; July, 59.50c; Sept, 60.80c; Dec, 62.60c; Jan, 63.10c; March, 64.10c; May, 65.10c.

SUGAR. Futures in No 11 contract closed 0.68 to 0.15 cent a lb higher on a volume of 4,221 lots. May, 25.60-6.50c; July, 24.80-4.75c; Sept, 23.50c; Oct, 22.75-2.65c; Jan, 20.10c nominal; March, 20.00-9.90c; May, 19.25-9.15c; July, 18.25c; Sept, 17.45c. Spot, 25.75c, up 100.

COTTON. Futures closed 0.50 cent higher after light commission house buying met only small scale up selling from the trade. May, 44.25c; July, 45.23c; Oct, 46.85c; Dec, 47.55-68c; March, 48.60c; May, 49.25-35c; July, 49.90-50.00c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.80 to 0.15 cent a lb lower on liquidation, following the sharp decline in London cocoa nearby months. May, 55.85c; July, 52.90c; Sept, 52.30c; Dec, 52.00c; March, 51.70c; May, 51.40c; July, 51.05c; Sept, nil. Spots: Ghana 70¾c; Bahia 62¼c.

COFFEE.—Late short covering and evening-up in front of the weekend rallied futures in "C" contract to their best levels at the close. May, 48.00c; July, 49.95-9.90c; Sept, 51.10-12c; Nov, 51.40-1.80c; Dec, 52.16c; March, 53.56c bid.

WOOL.—Futures closed 3.0 cent higher and Crossbred futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL. Spot 114.0c nominal; May, 123.0-4.0c; July, 126.0-7.0c; Oct, 129.0-32.0c; Dec, 132.0-3.0c; March, 133.0-5.5c; May, 134.0-8.5c; July, 135.0c bid. CROSSBRED. Spot 720 nominal; May, 70.0c; July, 73.1c; Oct, 75.0c; Dec, 76.0c; March, 77.0c; May, 80.0c; July, 82.0c all bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil futures lost 0.32 to 0.20 cent a lb at the close and Meal was off $2.50 to $1 per ton. Crush selling pressed nearby products and big local selling was mixed buying on oil's downturn. SOYABEANS.—May, 585-84c; July, 575-74c; Aug, 574c; Sept, 560c; Nov, 558-60c; Jan, 563-62c; March, 569c; May, 574c; July, 579c. SOYABEAN.—May, $130.50; Aug, $132.50; Sept, $134.00-5.50; Oct, $136.00-6.00; Dec, $139.00; Jan, $141.50-2.00; March, $145.50-1.00; May, $146.00-7.00; July, $147.00-800. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 27.80-70c; July, 26.25-30c; Aug, 25.40c; Sept, 24.60-50c; Oct, [illegible]; Dec, 22.40-35c; Jan, [illegible]; May, 20.85c; July, 20.55c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed easier 2¼ to 1½ points lower. May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Dec, [illegible]; March, [illegible]. MAIZE closed easier 5½ to 2½ points lower. May, 281-281½c; July, 272c; Dec, [illegible]; March, [illegible]; May, [illegible]. OATS closed easier 2½ to [illegible] points lower. May, 160-159½c; July, 157¼-147c; Sept, 142c; Dec, 144½c.

	Apr 18	Apr 17
Allied Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	3	3
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	45	45½
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	9
Am. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Elec. Power	17	17
Am. Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Smelt.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	32	33½
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	[illegible]	86
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	40 h	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat. Fds.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beech Dick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	23
Boise Cascade	18	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	60
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	30
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.B.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comw. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	19	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.P.C. Intnl.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	24	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	36
Detroit Edison	11	11
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	122	124
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
East. Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp.	26	[illegible]
El Paso G.	[illegible]	12
Equitable Life	[illegible]	16
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	37
G.A.F. Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Electric	[illegible]	46

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3755 ($2.3735); three months, $2.3475 ($2.3460); Canadian dollar, 98.51c (98.39c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.33 to 306.27. The futures index was up 1.67 to 285.61.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 808.43 (819.46); transportation 169.37 (170.60); utilities, 76.54 (76.73); 65 stocks, 248.55 (251.3). New York Stock Exchange index 46.08 (46.61); industrials, 51.1[illegible] (51.80); transportation, [illegible] (32.56); utilities, 30.1[illegible] (30.2[illegible]); financial, 48.32 (49.05).

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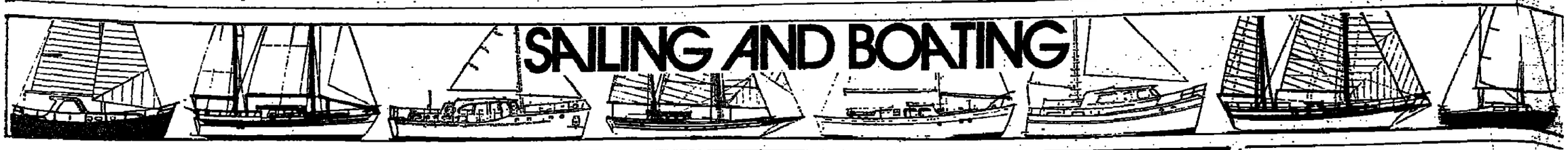

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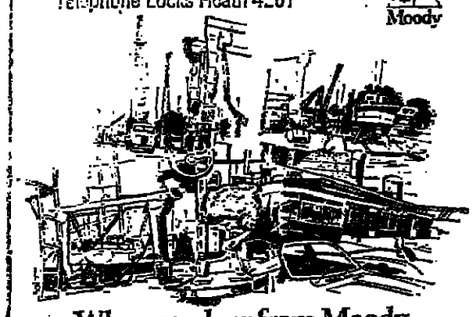

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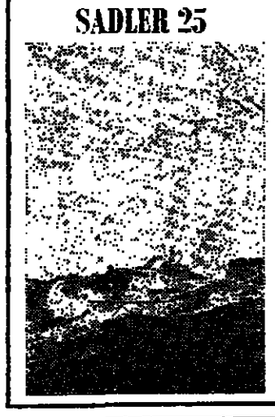

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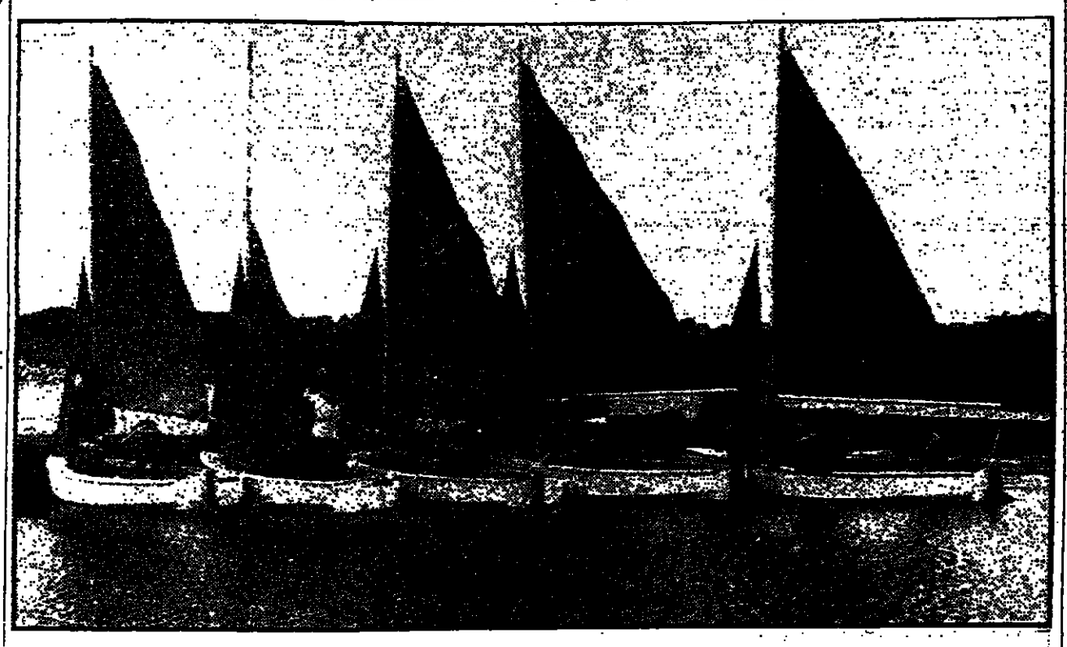

A few days ago the managing director of one of Britain's most consistently successful boatbuilding firms was asked what single step would improve his business most dramatically. His answer was succinct : "Stop building boats".

He was only half jesting. Boatbuilders in this country, most of them desperately under-capitalized and existing on perennial overdrafts, are now facing swingeing increases in V.A.T. which could prove disastrous for business. For many of them it really would make more sense to sell their assets and invest the proceeds in a building society.

Yet paradoxically water sports, which include sailing, motor-boating, canoeing, water-skiing, rowing and angling, have shown an almost unparallelled growth in the past 20 years. The market is continually expanding as more and more people, despite inflation, are able to realize the "impossible dream" of owning their own boat.

A survey of visitors to the 1973 Boat Show in London found that 58 per cent were already boat owners. But, perhaps more interestingly, it placed no fewer than 65 per cent of those questioned in what are commonly categorized as socio-economic classes C, D and E.

Mr Tom Webb, the energetic and outspoken chief executive of the Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation, concedes that the industry has trouble living down the connotations of wealth and privilege that the word "yachting" conveys. "When we saw Lord Beswick at the Department of Industry, we deliberately did not ask for legislation, because we realized that it would be unfortunate for an industry that carries the image of Ted Heath and Max Aitken to be seen to be seeking special consideration", he says.

"We told him that we did not want the Government to spend taxpayers' money on making boatbuilders profitable. All we wanted was the licence to solve our own problems".

In presenting its case to the Government, the industry has discovered an unlikely ally in Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. For a notable leftwinger to espouse the boatbuilders' cause may say something about the sort of people who now aspire to buy boats.

In a letter to Mr Jenkins, Mr Webb listed the industry's grievances. They included the imposition of VAT from 1 April 1973 on boats and accessories, which had previously been exempt from any kind of tax. (With this week's budget, boats are now classified as "less-essential goods" and are subject to 25 per cent VAT.)

The October 1973 Budget had limited the maximum period of hire-purchase repayments to 24 months, Mr Webb pointed out, and had imposed the requirement for a minimum one-third deposit. The traditional five-year marine mortgage had been abolished as a result of a request from the Bank of England to the Finance Houses, and as from April 1 this year loan interest could no longer be claimed against income tax.

An inquiry among 40 leading boatbuilders showed that home sales in the second half of last year were some 40 per cent down on the same period a year earlier. Although that might accord with government economic policies, home sales were in fact essential to a sound export market because they provided immediate money for wages and materials, whereas export sales frequently required credit and involved delayed payments.

"The cumulative fear is that, if the productive capacity of the British boating industry declines as a result of the above measures, the gap will be filled by foreign imports as soon as demand rises, to the further detriment of the country's balance of payments", Mr Webb stated. In the short term the single most helpful measure would be for the Government to restore to the finance houses their discretion to grant marine mortgages on the same basis as before.

The first replies to the Federation's latest six-monthly questionnaire sent to all its members show a slightly less gloomy picture. Only 17 per cent report that home orders have improved in the past six months, but that figure compares with a mere 4 per cent last October. On the export side only 16 per cent report a deterioration compared with 35 per cent in October.

Asked how optimistic they were about the general business situation, some 17 per cent expected an improvement on the home side while 62 per cent expected it to get worse; the October figures were 4 per cent and 76 per cent. Just under a third continued to anticipate better export business, while only 15 per cent (October 32 per cent) foresaw a decline.

Boatbuilding is a resilient industry, partly because so much of it is a labour of love. Labour relations are excellent, and capital requirements relatively small. But, as Mr Webb puts it: "The events of the last couple of years have been like a series of punches in the stomach. You can survive the first one or two without much difficulty, but after four or five you start feeling pretty groggy."

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To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and Auditors and the Accounts for 1974.
To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.
To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
Dated this 14th day of March, 1975.
By order of the Board.
E. J. HOLLAND
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No. 001237 of 1975
No. 6 (Radio 286)
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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Anscon (U.K.) Limited whose registered office is at 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 0ND and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 14th day of May 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
D. LASCELLES, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 0ND. Petitioners Solicitor.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve or cause to be served on or sent by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 13th day of May 1975.

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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Group A In the Matter of EDWARD BAYES & SONS (HOLDINGS) Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
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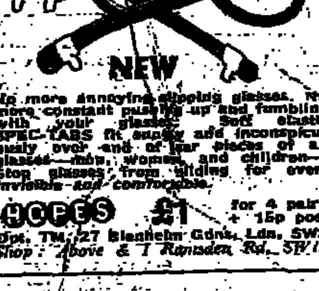

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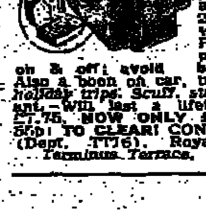

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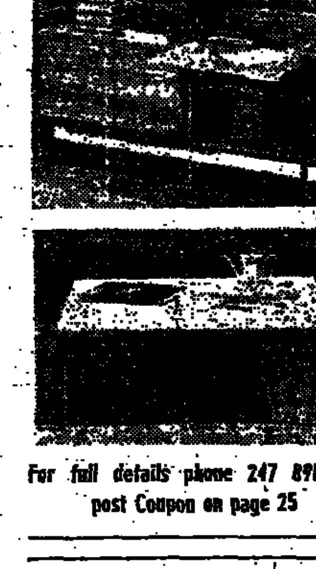

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BIRTHS

ADLEY.—On 17th April, at Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, to Daphne (née Agelasto) and Bill—a son.
CHRISTOFIDES.—On April 16th, to Yvonne (née Beal) and Andreas—a son (Alexander Savvas).
CRABTREE.—On 15th April at Port Hedland, Western Australia, to Jacqueline (née Ennals), wife of Christopher—a daughter.
DE PREE.—On April 17th, at the Westminster Hospital, to Victoria (née Noakes) and Andrew—a daughter (Emma).
DOHERTY.—On April 16th, 1975, at Worcs, to Hester and James—a son (Owen James).
FILLEUL.—On April 15th, to Elizabeth and Peter—a son (James Arthur), a brother for Alice.
FROST.—On 13th April, at Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, to Gillian (née Baraldi) and David W. Frost—a daughter (Kate Jessica).
RITCHIE.—On 18th April, at Basingstoke Hospital, to Ann and George—a son (Andrew).
TACEY.—On 17th April, at North Devon Maternity Unit to Penelope and Christopher—a son (Ivan Charles).
THOMPSON.—On April 17th, at Institut Edith Cavell, 1180 Brussels, to Miriam (née Van Zeebroeck), wife of R. Simon—a son (Alexander).
UTLEY.—On 10th April, 1975, to Sally (née Lawrence-Smith) and Nigel—a son.
WATSON.—On 18th April, 1975, at St Thomas's Hospital to Daryn (née Morgan) and James Watson—a daughter (Renata Rosie).
WELCH.—On 13th April, 1975, at St Joseph's Nursing Home, Beaconsfield. To Margaret (née Bates) and Peter—a son (Ian James).

BIRTHDAYS

JACKIE LOYD HOLMES is 21 today. Her Uncle Don sends his love and best wishes.
KATHY.—Wishing you a very liquid [illegible], Alan, Frank, Keith.
O.P.C.—Happy twenty-first birthday to a precious freak. PC.

MARRIAGES

BOISSEVAIN : WALLACE.—On April 18, quietly at Guildford, Roland Boissevain to Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. M. Hilbery, of Whitlings, The Clears, Reigate, Surrey.

RUBY WEDDINGS
ARMSTRONG : VICKERS.—On April 20th, 1935, at Corbridge, Northumberland, Herbert William Armstrong to Annie Vickers. Present address 17 Banburgh Grove, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.

DEATHS

ASMER.—AMY (AMY SHUARD, C.B.E.).—Died suddenly in the early morning of April 18th. Deeply mourned by Peter, Mum, Lucy and Pat. At her request, no flowers, and family and close friends only at funeral. Date of Memorial Service to be announced later.

BARRINGTON-BROWNE, ALICE RACHEL.—On April 17th, aged 3 years, elder twin daughter of Jackie and Dominic. Private funeral. No letters please.
BURNELL.—On April 16th, peacefully at his home, The Dell, 17 Lawrie Park Crescent, Sydenham, S.E.26, Robert Norman Burnell. Funeral service at Elm Road Baptist Church, Beckenham, Kent, on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to W. Cullen and Sons Ltd., 101 Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.
DAWSON.—On 17 April, suddenly, Elizabeth Leslie, wife of Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson, mother of Ian and Gillian. Funeral private, no flowers.
DOUGLAS-HAMILTON.—On April 18th, 1975, at the home of her son-in-law Dr Hedley Everdeen, The Punkers, Melbourne, Derbyshire, after bearing with all the difficulties of old age so nobly, Evelyn Addison, aged 85 years. Only daughter of the late Thomas Addison and Gertrude Chater, devoted wife of the late Claud, beloved mother of Daphne, loved grandmother of Michael and Christopher, and loving great granny of Vicky, Lucy, Susannah, Sarah and Jeremy. Funeral at Melbourne Parish Church on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 2.45 p.m. Cut flowers only please.
EDWARDS.—On April 16th, 1975, at her home Golf Copse, Dorking, Naomi Patricia, dear wife of Jimmy Irvine Edwards for 55 years, beloved mother of Janet and Ann, grandmother of Nigel and Annette Harris, sister of Peter and Veronica Huthwaite. After a courageous 3 year battle she is now at peace. Funeral service at Leatherhead Crematorium on Tuesday, April 22nd at 10.30 a.m. Donations in her memory to Cancer Research. Flowers to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.
EDWARDS.—On April 17th, 1975, at her home, Fir Tree Cottage, Hermitage, Nr. Newbury, Marie Mayor, widow of Vyvyan S. Edwards. Cremation at Reading Crematorium, on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 2.20 p.m. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Vicarage Gate House, Vicarage Gate, Kensington, London, W.8.
EVANS-PROSSER.—On 17th April, [illegible], Raymond Alfred, aged 72, well loved husband of Kay, father of Carol and Janet. For 16 years headmaster of Ellesmere College, Shropshire. Please, no letters, no flowers. If desired donations to Cancer Research, Dept 160E, P.O. Box 123, WC2. Memorial service to be arranged later in Ellesmere.
GERARD.—On 15th April, 1975, at her home, Norma, the wife of the late Col. G. R. T. M. Gerard, M.B.E., O.B.E. Funeral Tuesday, 22nd April, at 3.30 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Sunninghill. Flowers to J. Barke, 1 Sunninghill Road, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks.
GRIFFIN.—On April 17th, 1975, peacefully, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, in her 84th year, Helen Mary (née Fraser), beloved wife of Donald Arthur Griffin, loving mother of Margaret Woodgate, Helen Griffin and Muriel Taylor, and dear grandmother of Michael, Catherine, Matthew, Rebecca, Ben, Lucy and Joe. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Cuddington, Aylesbury, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd, and flowers may be sent to F. H. Sheffield, 152 High St., Aylesbury.
HAY.—On April 17th, peacefully at the Bernard Sunley Home, Woking, Joan, widow of George Hay, beloved mother of Barbara and Pamela, grandmother of Prue, Nicholas and James. Great-grandmother of Finn. Inserted by Mrs. Barbara Vosper, Saltram Cottage, Crowley Green, Herts.
HEWSON.—On April 18th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Brigadier Arthur George (Paddy) Hewson. Funeral service at Kilneacon, Co. Limerick on Monday, 21st April, at 10.30, followed by burial at Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.
HORNUNG.—On April 17th, 1975, at her home in Guernsey, Pansy Hornung (Harmsworth), aged 77 years, wife of George Hornung.
HOWLETT, NORMAN WILLIAM, M.B.E., of 20 Brooklands Avenue, Leighton Buzzard, on 17th April, at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, aged 72 years.
IMERETINSKY.—On 15th April, peacefully in hospital, H.S.H. Prince Michael Imeretinsky, aged 75. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private at Marseilles.
JAMES.—On April 18th, peacefully at home, Frederick George of 4 Dale Gdns., Woodford Green, Essex, late of Barclays Bank. Cremation at City of London Crematorium, Friday, 25th April at 11.50. Flowers to Hawes, 43 Station Rd., E.12.
MANN.—On April 18th, 1975, peacefully at Selwyn House, Pulham Market, Norfolk, Sara beloved wife of the late Major W. Edgar Mann D.S.O., of Earl Soham, Suffolk, loved mother of Ann and Penelope and the late Edward Mann. Service at Thelveton Church, Nr. Diss, Norfolk, on Tuesday, April 22nd at 3 p.m. after private cremation. Family flowers only to Thelveton Church.
MCCARTHY.—On April 18th, 1975, in St Bartholomew's Hospital, John Ernest McCarthy, aged 68, of 20A Stradella Rd., London, S.E.24, beloved husband of Joyce. Cremation at Norwood Crematorium, Norwood Rd., S.E.27 on Friday, 25th April at 11.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Chappell & Sons, 10, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.
NICHOLS.—On April 17th, 1975, peacefully at Whitehanger Nursery Home, Haslemere, Arthur Trevor, C.B.E., 85 years, of Lower Farm House, Hambledon, Godalming. Dearly loved husband of Doris (Nicky), father of John, Roma, Hazel and Brenda. Cremation, 12.30 p.m. at Guildford Crematorium, on Tuesday, April 22nd. Family flowers only, please.
RAMBAUT.—On April 17th, 1975, in hospital in Belgium, Beatrix, loved daughter of Jacquie and Tom, aged one year. No flowers, no letters.
SANKEY.—On April 18th, at his home near Hickling, Norfolk, aged 80, Lt.-Col. Robert Woodall Sankey, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. (retired), dearly beloved husband of Joan, father of Robert and Jonathan and stepfather of Virginia Oliver and Douglas Graham. Funeral 12 noon, Tuesday, April 22nd, at Hickling parish church. Flowers to Hickling parish church, Norfolk.

DEATHS

SLADEN.—On 14th April, 1975, Miss Gwendolen Kate Sladen, late of Cherry Orchard, Stonor, daughter of Sir Edward Bosc Sladen. The cremation took place on the 16th April, 1975.
SLAUGHTER.—On April 17th, 1975, at Grenville Lodge, Droxford, Pamela Vera, beloved wife of Captain J. E. Slaughter and beloved mother of John Beveridge. Funeral Tuesday, April 22nd, 12 a.m., at St. Andrew's Meonstoke. Flowers to Pink, Bishops Waltham.
STEELE.—On 13th April, suddenly at a nursing home in Edinburgh, Brigadier William Lindsay Steele of Ercildoune, aged 69. Much loved husband of Mary and father of Wendy, Anthony and Julian. Service at St Baldred's Church, North Berwick, on 23rd April, 1975, at 11 a.m., thereafter private. A memorial service will be held later in London. No mourning and no flowers, please.
TRUMPER.—On 17th April, 1975, John Mackay Scobie Walwyn Trumper, C.B.D., Major, retired, Commandant of Military Family Hostel, Lyplatt, Corsham, Wilts., late of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Husband of Irene and father of Peter and Grania. Passed away at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Avon, in his 53th year. Funeral service and interment at Neston Parish Church, Neston, Nr. Corsham, Wilts., on Tuesday, April 22nd at 3 p.m. No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to 25 Military Family Hostel, Lyplatt, Corsham, Wilts. Letters, please, to "Confers", Barrack Path, St. John's, Woking, Surrey.
TURNBULL.—On 17th April, 1975, at an infirmary, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Agnes Christian Constance Warr, widow of Stuart Kindersley Turnbull, Rosneath, Rosneath, and aunt of Sheila Christie, Jean Norum and Charles Warr. Service at Cardross Crematorium on Tuesday, 22nd April, at 12 noon. No flowers, please.
WALL-ROW.—On 17th April, 1975, peacefully in a nursing home, Phyllis Olivia (Olive). Cremation at Golders Green on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 3.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Rd., N.W.11 (01-387 6075).
WALZER.—On April 16th, 1975, at his home, 2 Bladon Close, Oxford, Richard Walzer, dear husband of Sophie. Fellow of the British Academy, Emeritus Reader in Arabic and Greek Philosophy, University of Oxford, Emeritus Fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford, Honorary Professor, University of Hamburg. Awarded Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of The Federal Republic of Germany. Service at 11 a.m., Tuesday 22nd April, in the Music House, at St Catherine's College, Oxford.
WETHERED.—On 17th April, 1975, His Honour Ernest Handel Cossham, OBE, of 11 The Avenue, Clifton, Bristol, died peacefully, in his 97th year, dearly loved father of Rodney and Enid. Memorial service, Bristol Cathedral, 1.30 pm. 1st May, 1975.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
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HUNTER.—To the beloved memory of Norman Charles Hunter, playwright, who died 19th April, 1971.
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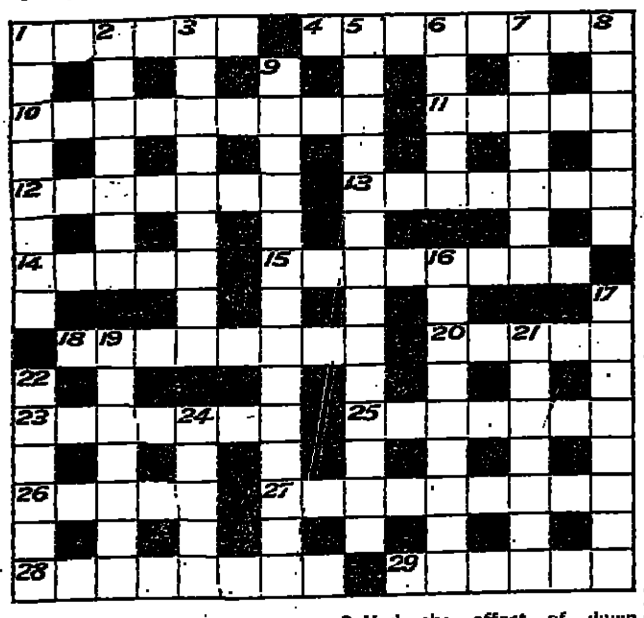
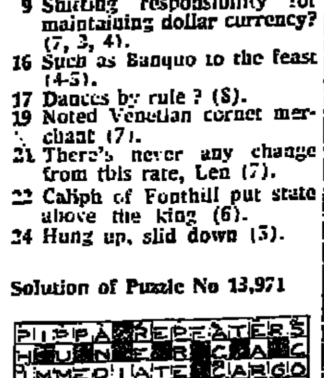


ACROSS
1 A coleopterous lad, Kipling (6).
4 One carpeted for a matter of security on flight (5-3).
10 Count not lost at sea (9).
11 Suitable day for Plantation songs (5).
12 Discounts stirred bear setback (7).
13 Bill, I expire in deadly sin (7).
14 Service the peus (5).
15 Kate's brother found 23 singularly awkward to come by (8).
18 Outlaw song of outlaws, d'ye hear? (8).
20 That's the spot, right inside you (5).
23 Performer muffs a sitter (7).
25 At least a dime (7).
26 Tongue of many Indians and one old English farm hand (5).
27 Pooh's heavenly little sister? (4, 5).
28 Rush hour here was 1896 (8).
29 People nine years hence? As in Rome (6).

DOWN
1 You may pull it for a bob (4-4).
2 Entitle European capital to be put up in replanning Anguilla (7).
3 Had the effect of dawn coming up like thunder? (9).
5 Thus did Dick Swiveller 2 Sophronia Sphynx (3, 11).
6 Victim of filial kidding (5).
7 Tattooer at work? Listen (3-1-3).
8 Girl 'e found in a witch's home perhaps (6).
9 Shifting responsibility for maintaining dollar currency? (7, 3, 4).
16 Such as Banquo to the feast (4-5).
17 Dances by rule? (8).
19 Noted Venetian cornet merchant (7).
21 There's never any change from this rate, Len (7).
22 Caliph of Fonthill put state above the king (6).
24 Hung up, slid down (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,971



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